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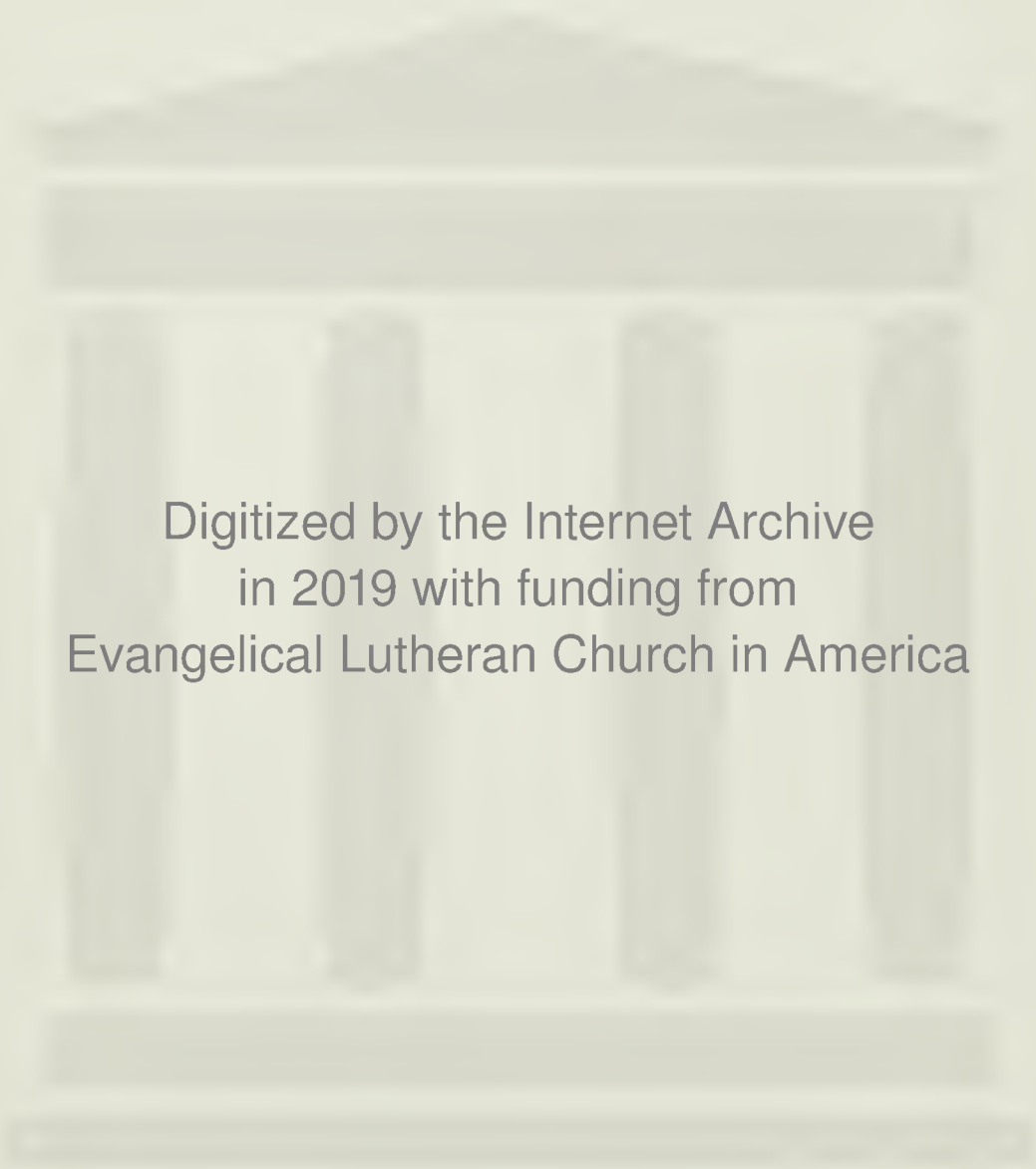

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MINUTES

OF THE

Eighth Convention

OF THE

General Council

OF THE

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SWEDISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Oct. 15, A. D. 1874.

THE Eighth Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, was held in the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Jamestown, N. Y., Rev. C. O. Hultgren, Pastor, commencing Thursday, October 15, 1874, at 3 o'clock, P. M. The Convention was opened with Divine Service. The sermon was preached by the President, Rev. C. P. Krauth, D. D., after which the Holy Communion was administered to the delegates and to a number of the members of the congregation.

First Session.

At the close of the service the Convention was called to order. The German Recording Secretary being absent, the Rev. C. H. Thomsen was elected German Recording Secretary *pro tempore*. As the roll of Synods was called the certificates of the delegates were handed in, and their names entered upon the

ROLL OF THE COUNCIL.

German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States.

MINISTERS.	LAYMEN.
Rev. E. Greenwald, D. D.,	Mr. L. L. Houpt,
" C. P. Krauth, D. D., LL. D.,	" J. Endlich,
" B. M. Schmucker, D. D.,	" W. H. Staake,
" J. Fry, D. D.,	" S. Gerhard.
" J. A. Kunkelman,	
" H. E. Jacobs,	
" F. J. F. Schantz,	
" G. A. Struntz,	
" H. Grahn.	

II. Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York and Adjacent States and Countries.

Rev. C. Volz,
" J. Ruperti, D. D.,
" J. Ehrhart,
" C. H. Thomsen,
" A. E. Frey,
" R. Neumann.

Mr. W. A. Schmitthenner,
" F. Schack,
" P. P. Keller,
" G. H. Moeller,
" N. Conrad.

III. Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. S. Laird,
" W. A. Passavant, D. D.,
" G. A. Wenzel,
" H. W. Roth,
" W. F. Ulery,
" D. M. Kemerer.

Mr. H. Jarecki,
" D. M. Armor,
" E. J. Schmauck,
" S. J. Beck,
Dr. A. Lange.

IV. The Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio.

Rev. G. W. Mechling,
" D. Worley,
" S. L. Harkey.

V. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Michigan and other States.

Rev. S. Klingman, *a. e.*

VI. Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod. (Swedish.)

Rev. T. N. Hasselquist, D. D.,
" E. Carlson,
" G. Peters,
" J. P. Nyquist,
" S. P. A. Lindahl,
" J. W. Kindborg,
" H. O. Lindeblad,
" C. O. Hultgren.

Mr. J. A. Enander,
" J. P. Samuelson,
" J. Molin,
" G. Anderson,
" A. P. Gelm,
" A. Johnson,
" A. Gustafson.

VII. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada.

Rev. F. Ehinger,
" F. Yelden.

Mr. H. Vandersmissen,
" C. Schafer.

VIII. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas.

Rev. R. Jaeggli.

a. e. Absent and excused.

IX. Indiana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. J. E. Wesner,
" G. Schmogrow.
Mr. E. A. Peters,
" E. Wagner.

With Privilege of Debate.

I. German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa.

Rev. S. Fritschel.

Other Clergmen Present.

All "Lutheran ministers present, who are with this body in the unity of the faith as defined in the Fundamental Principles," were invited to give their names to the Secretaries to be entered upon the minutes. During the sessions the following names were handed in:

Rev. A. C. Kuss,
" I. Breneman,
" E. Smith,
Rev. G. A. Bruegel,
" A. H. Bartholomew,
" J. H. A. Kitzmiller,
Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe.

Holston Synod.

A communication from the Rev. A. J. Brown, Commissioner from the Holston Synod, was read, making application for the admission of that Synod as an integral part of the General Council. On motion, the document was referred to the following committee: Revs. J. A. Kunkelman and D. Worley, and Messrs. G. H. Moeller and A. Lange.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. C. Volz.

Second Session.

FRIDAY, October 16, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the President.

The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

Holston Synod Received.

The Committee to whom the communication from the Holston Synod was referred, presented the following:

Your Committee report that the Holston Synod has complied with the requirements of the Constitution of the General Council, and recommend that said Synod be received as an integral part of this body. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KUNKELMAN, DR. A. LANGE,
DANIEL WORLEY, GEO. H. MOELLER.

The report was received and unanimously adopted, and the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod declared an integral part of the General Council.

The Council then proceeded to the *election of officers* for the ensuing year. Revs. H. E. Jacobs and G. Schmogrow, and Messrs. Peter P. Keller and D. M. Armor, were appointed tellers.

The *Minutes of the last Convention* were, on motion, referred to the following Committee, viz.: Revs. G. W. Mechling, C. Volz and W. F. Ulery, and Messrs. F. Schack, E. J. Schmauck and E. N. Peters.

The *Auditing Committee* was appointed as follows: Messrs. L. L. Houpt, G. H. Moeller, A. Lange, H. Vandersmissen and A. Johnson.

The roll of Synods was called, and documents intended for the action of the Convention handed in.

Mr. W. A. Schmitthenner announced that he would present the report of the *Emigrantenhaus Association.*

Rev. W. A. Passavant announced that he would bring the subject of *Relief for the Destitute and Afflicted* before the Council.

Rev. F. J. F. Schantz called the attention of the Convention to a document which he presented from the *Mission and Church Extension Society.*

The Convention resolved to hold a morning session from 9 to 12 o'clock, and an afternoon session from 2 to 5 o'clock.

The tellers reported the following officers elected:

President, - - - -	Rev. C. P. Krauth, D. D., LL.D.
German Recording Secretary,	Rev. C. H. Thomsen.
English Recording Secretary, -	Rev. S. Laird.
English Corresponding Secretary,	Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D.
German Corresponding Secretary,	Rev. G. A. Wenzel.
Swedish Corresponding Secretary,	Rev. E. Carlson.
Treasurer, - - - -	S. Gross Fry, Esq.

On motion, it was resolved to continue the discussion on the Theses on Justification this morning, and take up the subject of Constitution for Congregations on Saturday morning.

Theses on Justification.

The 18th Thesis was discussed during the remainder of the morning session. (See Minutes of 1870, page 11.)

XVIII. Though they that truly believe in Christ and are born again, are *all their lifetime subject to infirmities and faults*, yet should they not doubt either of that righeousness which is imputed to them through faith, or of their eternal salvation, but rather should be assured that for Christ's sake, according to the promise and immovable word of the Gospel, their God accepteth them. (Form. Con., 585.)

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. Ehrhart.

Third Session.

FRIDAY, October 16, 2½ P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. C. Volz. The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

On motion, the following order of business was appointed to be considered at the times designated, to wit: Report of the Committee on the *Castle Garden Mission* on Monday morning; the subject of *Relief for the Destitute and Afflicted* on Monday afternoon; the report of the Executive Committee on *Home Missions* on Tuesday morning; the report of the Executive Committee on *Foreign Missions* on this afternoon.

The Rev. J. A. Kunkelman was requested to address the Convention on the subject matter of the paper offered by the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society, at such time as would be most convenient for him.

The report of the Committee on the *Minutes of the last Convention* was read and received, and made the special order for consideration immediately after the subject of Foreign Missions was disposed of.

The President announced the appointment of the following Committees:

Committee on Minutes of District Synods—Revs. G. A. Wenzel, J. Ehrhart and E. Carlson, and Messrs. E. J. Schmauck, J. A. Enander and W. H. Staake.

Committee on Correspondence—Revs. E. Greenwald, T. A. Hasselquist, R. Jaeggli and F. Ehinger, and Messrs. J. Endlich, W. A. Schmitthenner and E. Wagner.

The report of the *Executive Committee on Foreign Missions* was read, so far as prepared, and action on it deferred until the complete report is presented.

Report of Committee on Minutes of last Convention.

Your Committee on the Minutes of the last Convention respectfully report the following items:

1. Page 19. What has the Committee on Foreign Missions done to secure the publication of a history of Father Heyer's Mission Work in India?

2. Pages 20 and 49. What has been done by the Committee on Constitutions for Congregations and Synods?

3. Page 27. Has the Committee on the Catechism completed its work?

4. Page 34. Is the Committee on the German Sunday School Book prepared to report?

5. Pages 34 and 59. Have the officers of the General Council effected the change of the charter so as to make the title read, "in *America*" instead of "*North America.*"

6. Page 49. Have the District Synods complied with this resolution? And has the Executive Committee on Home Missions made special appeals for means?

7. Page 54. What information has the Committee on the Colloquium to impart?

8. Page 56. Has the German Hymn Book Committee prepared a form for Evening Service?

G. W. Mechling, F. Schack,
C. Volz, E. J. Schmauck,
W. F. Ulery, E. N. Peters.

Received and considered by items. Under the various items the following statements were made and action taken:

Rev. C. F. Heyer's Mission Work.

1. (Page 19.) Dr. Schmucker, for the Foreign Mission Committee, reported that the manuscript, as arranged by Rev. C. F. Heyer, had been submitted to the Rev. G. W. Frederick of the Lutheran Book Store, in Philadelphia, for publication in book form, and that the account of Father Heyer's more recent mission work was in course of preparation for publication.

The action of the committee was approved.

Constitutions for Synods and Congregations.

2. (Pages 20 and 49.) The chairman reported that he had been engaged on the preparation of a constitution for congregations, but that the committee was not ready to report; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the committee, with the addition of Dr. G. F. Krotel, be continued, and urged to complete the forms of constitutions for synods and congregations as soon as possible, and publish them in the church papers.

Catechism.

3. (Page 27.) Rev. Prof. Jacobs, on behalf of the committee reported, that the book containing the simple text of the Catechism with the proof passages had been completed and published in English, and that the same in German was being prepared; also that no additional work had been done on the book containing the analysis of Luther's Small Catechism.

Resolved, That the Committee on Catechism be continued, with the instructions heretofore given, and urged to complete and publish in German the work corresponding to that published in English.

4. (Page. 34.) Report to be presented.

5. (Pages 34 and 59.) The officers reported progress.

6. (Page 49.) Question deferred until the consideration of the report on Home Missions.

7. (Page 54.) Report to be presented by Corresponding Secretaries.

8. (Page 56.) Deferred until the consideration of the report of the German Church Book Committee.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of the last Convention was then adopted as a whole.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. F. Ulery.

Fourth Session.

SATURDAY, October 17, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. J. Fry. The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

Constitution for Congregations.

The Convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole with Dr. Greenwald in the chair, for the consideration of the order of the morning, viz., the discussion of the principles on which a constitution for congregations should be formed. The discussion continued until the close of the session, when the committee rose, and the chairman reported its proceedings to the Council.

The report of the Committee on the German Sunday School Book was made the second order for Monday afternoon.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. F. Ehinger.

Fifth Session.

SATURDAY, October 17, 2 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. H. Grahn. The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

English Corresponding Secretary's Report.

ENGLISH PROFESSORSHIP IN CHICAGO SEMINARY.

The undersigned, English Corresponding Secretary, would respectfully report, that he received a letter of date Dec. 2, 1873, from Prof. H. E. Jacobs, in which he acknowledges the communication announcing his election to a Professorship in the prospective Seminary at Chicago, and presents the reasons which have induced him finally to decline the appointment. His letter is herewith presented.

THE COLLOQUIUM.

In accordance with the instructions of the Council at its last meeting, I sent the action of this body with reference to the holding of a Colloquium to the General Synod, South; and to the Synods of North Carolina, Tennessee, and the Holston and Concordia Synods. The action of the General Synod, South, has been officially communicated, and is herewith presented. I have also learned, unofficially, that the Synod of North Carolina cordially accepted our proposal, and appointed a committee of arrangement. The action of the Holston Synod has already been presented to the Council, and was also communicated to me by the President of that Synod. From the Synod of Tennessee I have received, as yet, no communication. Immediately after the adjournment of the last Convention, I transmitted a certified copy of the action of the General Council to the chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of the General Synod, but up to this time have received no answer.

Respectfully submitted, B. M. SCHMUCKER.

The consideration of the first item was deferred until the Report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Chicago is presented.

The papers referred to in the second item were read; whereupon it was

Resolved, That we express our gratification at the response which the "Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America" has made to the proposal of this body to hold a Colloquium, and that their action be entered on the minutes.

The following is the action referred to:

Southern General Synod and the Colloquium.

BLACKSBURG, VA., May 15, 1874.

Rev. B. M. Schmucker. Corresponding Secretary General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:

DEAR BROTHER — The action of the Ninth Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America, assembled at Savannah, Ga., April 30th, 1874, makes it incumbent upon me, as its Secretary, to forward you the enclosed copy of report of committee on your last minutes, and letter from B. M. Schmucker, D. D., English Secretary of same, together with action had thereon.

This report was adopted as a whole, and the following Committee of Conference and Arrangements was appointed, viz.:

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Rev. J. I. Miller, *Chairman*,	Geo. P. Baker, Esq.,
" T. W. Dosh,	Wm. McCauley, Esq.,
" A. Phillippi,	Capt. G. S. Hacker,
" J. Austin,	Dr. J. P. Taylor,
" A. S. Hennigan,	John Rauch, Esq.

Very respectfully, yours in Christ,

J. H. TURNER,
Sec. Ev. Luth. G. S., in N. A.

Report of Committee No. 2 on Letters and Petitions.

The committee having in hand a minute of the Seventh Convention of the General Council held in Erie, Pa., 1873, together with a letter from the Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., English Secretary of said Convention, in which letter the attention of this General Synod is invited to the overtures of the Council looking to a Colloquium of the several Lutheran Synods in America, would submit the following report:

The overture thus officially laid before us is so clear and unequivocal in its design as to allay all that suspicion with which some of us have regarded previous efforts professing a similar object. The reading of it, and the statements made by the Rev. Dr. Fry before this Synod, assure us that it solely contemplates a greater unity in the one true faith of our church without any reference to the present general organizations as such.

A closer union between all the parts of the Lutheran Church in this land is sought, not by legislation, or through formal organic convention, but by a voluntary conference of those bearing the same name and holding the same confession. "That by a candid and fraternal expression of views," on points concerning which there is a difference of interpretation, we may all "by the grace of God be brought to a greater unity of spirit."

Believing that such unity is highly desirable and essential to the fullest prosperity, moral power and efficiency of the Lutheran Church on this continent, and that said Colloquium is neither designed nor calculated, openly nor covertly, to weaken or interfere with the organic union of all the Southern Synods in one general body—a consummation deemed by us of prime necessity in our peculiar work, and in which we should have the undisguised sympathies of the other general bodies of our church; and being assured that nothing that may be said or done at such Colloquium shall in any wise bind individuals or Synods with any legislative authority, but shall leave all as free to follow their own honest convictions as if they had in no way participated in it: Therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we do most heartily approve of the holding of such Colloquium for the fraternal examination of our confessions in the light of God's word.

2. That fervent prayer be made continually to Almighty God for that unity which is the work of the Holy Spirit.

3. That a committee of five ministers and five laymen be appointed to co-operate with similar committees that may be appointed, in arranging the points for friendly discussion at the proposed Colloquium, and the time and place of its convention,

4. That a copy of this paper be forwarded to the Secretary of the General Council.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. Repass,
J. H. Honour,
Geo. S. Hacker,
Committee.

German Corresponding Secretary's Report.

COLLOQUIUM.

The German Corresponding Secretary reports that he officially communicated to the President of the General Synodical Conference the action of this body in reference to the holding of a Colloquium, but has as yet received no reply. He has, however, been informed that

said Conference, at its last convention, took favorable action in reference thereto, yet without appointing a committee. A similar communication was also addressed to Rev. J. A. A. Grabau, S. M., of the Buffalo Synod, from whom a reply was received, which is hereby submitted. Respectfully,

G. A. Wenzel.

The letter referred to was read.

A paper presented by the

Emigrant House Association of New York,

was read, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the General Council receives the report of the Emigrant House Association with pleasure, and prays that the rich blessing of the Lord may rest upon it, and that continued success may attend it.

Resolved, That the editors of the *Lutheran and Missionary* be requested to publish the report in that paper.

Treasurer.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Lewis L. Houpt, Esq., was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*

Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

The Committee on Correspondence would report:

1. Is a letter from Mr. W. Hauff, Secretary of the "Board of Trustees of the Lutheran Emigrant House Association of New York," informing that at a regular meeting of the Board, held April 23, 1874, the 12th Article of the Constitution of said Association was changed to conform to the request of the General Council, expressed at its meeting at Akron, O., in 1872, in the following words:

"If at any time this undertaking should fail to fulfil the object designated in this charter and constitution, or if it should cease entirely, all property and possessions of the institution shall go into the hands of the General Council of the Lutheran Church of America, to be appropriated for the benefit of Lutheran emigrants. This article shall be unalterable."

2. Is a letter from Rev. A. R. Horne, Principal of the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Berks county, Pa., in which he proposes that a department for preparing teachers for Parochial Schools in our church be combined with the institution of which he is Principal. He suggests that as the buildings and teaching force for the sec-

ular branches already exist in the institution, the additional expenses involved in combining a department for preparing teachers of parochial schools would not exceed that of the salaries for one or two professors. He asks the General Council to appoint a committee to investigate the feasibility of the plan suggested.

His communication is accompanied by a letter of Rev. S. K. Brobst, a Trustee of the Keystone Normal School, endorsing the plan, and recommending the appointment of a committee to examine and report to the proper authorities.

Your Committee recommend that he be informed that the General Council does not now propose to establish such an institution under its own auspices.

3. Is a letter from Rev. S. Klingman, President of the Michigan Synod, expressing his regret that he will be unable, on account of pressing duties, to be present at the opening of the General Council, and asks to be excused.

Your Committee move that we reciprocate the regret, and that his absence be excused.

4. Is a letter from Rev. J. B. Rath, of Bethlehem, Pa., in which, in the name of Grace Lutheran Church, of which he is the pastor, he invites the General Council to hold its next Convention in his church.

Your Committee move that the application of Grace Church, Bethlehem, be taken into consideration at the time of the election for the next place of meeting.

E. Greenwald,
T. N. Hasselquist,
Fr. Ehinger,
R. Jaeggli,
Edward Wagner,
W. A. Schmitthenner,
John Endlich.

The report was received, considered by items, and adopted.

The Council adjourned by uniting in the Lord's Prayer, led by Dr. Passavant.

Sixth Session.

Monday, October 19, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. D. Worley.

The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

The Report of the New York Immigrant Mission was read. It was still under consideration at close of the session.

The Treasurer's report was read and placed in the hands of the Auditing Committee.

On motion, it was ordered that in opening the sessions, the full service be used only in the morning—alternately in German and English—and that the other sessions be opened simply with prayer.

The decision of the *time and place* of the next meeting was made the first order for Tuesday afternoon.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. A. E. Frey.

Seventh Session.

MONDAY, October 19, 2 P. M.

The session was opened with prayer by the Rev. C. H. Thomsen.

The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

Relief Associations.

The order for the day, viz., the consideration of the subject of Relief for the Destitute and Afflicted, was taken up. Dr. Passavant introduced the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

Whereas, The General Council, in its testimony against secret and other unchurchly associations, at its Convention in Pittsburgh, "earnestly directed the attention of our congregations not only to the great importance of pure and large benevolence, but also to the duty and desirableness of arrangements by which systematic provision could be made by church members for the time of sickness and want, and for widows and orphans;" and

Whereas, The desire has been widely expressed since then, that this Council would give its well-considered advice by what methods this result may be more effectually attained; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be hereby appointed, whose duty it shall be to report at the next Convention of this body such plans of charitable aid and mutual assistance, through the church, and relief associations in immediate connection with it, as may most effectually provide for the bodily wants of the suffering and needy.

Revs. W. A. Passavant, J. Ruperti and E. Carlson, and Messrs. L. L. Houpt, F. Schack and T. H. Lane, were appointed the committee under this resolution.

The German Sunday School Book.

Report of the Committee.

The Committee which was appointed at the last Convention of the General Council with instructions to prepare a German Sunday School Book, and have it published in a provisional form, beg leave to report the following:

Your committee have had a number of meetings in the course of this year. A list of the hymns proposed by the committee was published in the *Zeitschrift* in February, and after careful revision, republished in September.

The work is so far advanced, that the complete manuscript of the *text* is now ready for the printer. In regard to the preparation of the *music*, little has been done so far, and it will require at least six months to have this part also ready for the printer.

The committee have passed a resolution to have the *text* of the book printed in provisional form, and this, if approved by the General Council, could be done without expense to this body.

The plan of the book in the whole is exactly the same as that of the English Sunday School Book. The points in which the committee propose to differ from the English book in the liturgical part, are the following:

1. After the saying of the Ten Commandments, a rubric is inserted which allows the singing of the verse, "Cast us not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from us."

2. The Apostles' Creed is always to be used in the Opening Service after the Ten Commandments. (The English book making it optional whether it be used instead of the Ten Commandments, or at the close of the service.)

3. After the Apostles' Creed a rubric is inserted, which allows the singing of the *Gloria in Excelsis*.

4. The order for the closing of the school only prescribes a hymn, the Lord's Prayer and the *Bendicamus*, making it optional to sing in addition to this, "The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c."

5. The following parts of the Morning Service have been added to the collection of psalms and canticles which precede the hymns proper: *The Offertorium, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, Nunc Dimittis.* This was done because it is expected that these liturgical parts, with their old grand music, will be introduced into our German congregations in much shorter time and with less difficulty, if they could be practised by the teachers and scholars of the Sunday school.

The number of hymns, as now proposed, is one hundred and ninety-four, or including the chants and canticles, two hundred and ten. Of these one hundred and ninety-four hymns, sixty-two are taken from the German Church Book. Some additional valuable hymns have recently been proposed from different sides, which might be inserted, if the General Council should not think it inadvisable to increase the number of hymns.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Spaeth.

The report was received, and considered by items, and the following action taken:

1. The text of the book shall not be printed without the music
2. The rubric inserted after the Ten Commandments was approved.
3. The use of the Creed was made obligatory, its position to be the same as in the English Sunday School Book.
4. The rubric inserted after the Creed was directed to be stricken out.
5. The order for the closing of the school, with the Creed inserted in its proper place, was approved.
6. The addition of certain parts of the Morning Service to the collection of psalms and canticles, was not approved.
7. An increase of the number of hymns was allowed.

The item referring to the exclusion of the Small Catechism from the book was stricken out, and the report was adopted as a whole.

Resolved, That the Committee on the German Sunday School Book have authority, if they deem it expedient, to introduce rubrical direction providing for the use, instead of the provided order for opening and closing the school, of the text of the five parts of Luther's Small Catechism without the explanations.

Resolved, That the committee be enlarged by four members, and that they have authority, under the instructions already given, to complete and publish the book in permanent form.

Revs. E. F. Moldehnke, J. Ruperti, B. M. Schmucker and F. W. Weiskotten were added to the committee.

German Church Book.

Report of the Committee.

Your committee beg leave to report the following concerning their labors during the past year:

The committee rejoice to be able to say, that their work has made considerable progress since the last Convention of General Council. Besides the preparatory work which had to be done by individual members of the committee, requiring a great deal of time and careful study, the committee, as such, has had six meetings, each one taking up nearly a whole week (if we include the time for travelling).

1. The work of text revision has been steadily progressing. Of the whole number of five hundred and ninety-six hymns contained in the present index, three hundred and forty-eight have now been fully revised.

2. A number of hymns have been added with due regard for the reasonable desires expressed from different sides; especially has the number of burial-hymns been considerably increased.

3. The text of Luther's Smaller Catechism, which is to be printed in the German Church Book, has been carefully revised, but it has not yet been published in provisional form.

4. The text of the Order of the Morning Service has again been published in provisional form by St. John's German congregation, in Reading, and by S. K. Brobst & Co., Allentown. The edition just published by S. K. Brobst & Co. has been very carefully revised by the committee, and contains general and festival introits and collects, the *Litany* and the *Te Deum*, so that the Hauptgottesdienst as there given can be used in the congregation until the Church Book is published. An admirable and sufficient collection of music for this service, prepared by Mr. J. Endlich, has also been issued by the same publishers.

5. The remaining work on the liturgical part of the book (apart from the Order of the Morning Service,) has not made much progress for want of the necessary liturgical material. The committee has fortunately, however, lately had placed at their service a large and valuable collection of early Kirchenordnungen and Cantionalen. They have, therefore, been now enabled to make arrangements for the vigorous prosecution of the work.

6. John Endlich, Esq., of Reading, Pa., has been authorized by the committee to undertake the preparation of a "Choral Buch," which is to follow the publication of the German Church Book, as soon as possible, containing all the necessary music for the hymns as well as for the liturgical parts.

7. Rev. J. Ruperti, D. D., of New York, having been invited by a unanimous resolution of the committee, has consented to co-operate with us. This valuable addition to our number, we have no doubt, will meet with the hearty approval of this body.

Respectfully submitted, A. Spaeth, *Secretary.*

Received and adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on the German Church Book be instructed to furnish the text of Luther's Small Catechism as revised by them, to the German Sunday School Book Committee for publication in that book.

The report of the Committee on the New York Immigrant Mission, was made the second order for Tuesday afternoon.

Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society.

The Rev. J. A. Kunkelman addressed the Convention in relation to the objects and mode of working of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. H. W. Roth.

Eighth Session.

TUESDAY, October 20, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. J. Ruperti.

The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

The order of the day, viz., Home Missions, was taken up.

Home Missions.

Report of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee on Home Missions respectfully present their sixth annual report.

In the reports heretofore presented, the attention of the General Council is specially called to the smallness of the means placed at the disposal of the committee, compared with the greatness of the work given them to do. It would be gratifying, no less to the committee than to the Council, if we could now vary this statement, at least with the information that we had begun mission work in more of the large cities where it is so greatly needed, and were adding to our number of laborers in the more destitute fields of the West and South. But this privilege is denied us. The experience of the past year has been a repetition of that of preceding ones. While realizing more than ever the pressing nature of the mission work in this country, especially outside of the bounds of the stronger Synods, your committee has been enabled to add only one mission station to those they had in hand before, and yet find themselves burdened with debt. The inadequacy of the pecuniary aid afforded is the more discouraging because the Church

expects the Executive Committee to look after the general mission interests, while the committee are greatly embarrassed with debt, and scarcely able to sustain the men already commissioned. Up to this time it has been found impossible to carry out the plan, by which the District Synods were to contribute one-fifth of their home mission funds to this department of the Council's work. Some of these Synods, instead of contributing to our treasury, have called upon us to aid them in supplying the distressing destitutions existing within their own territory, while the older and stronger Synods have with difficulty spared anything from the pressing demands of their home work. Under these circumstances, it becomes a serious question to consider whether it is best to continue our operations under the present plan; whether some plan could not be devised, by which those in charge of the Home Mission work could have direct access to the churches, so as to bring these important interests before the members of the congregations, and enlist their hearty co-operation. Until this is done—until the congregations realize their responsibility and duty in the case—no results will be attained at all commensurate with the work to be performed. The great body of the lay membership need clear and accurate information, as to the requirements and pressing necessity of missions among the large and constantly increasing numbers of foreigners from different parts of the old world, and among those who are going out from the more densely populated places of this land, to establish homes on the prairies and in the newer cities of the West. The committee have been very much straitened and compelled to deny aid where it seemed to be imperatively required, because the treasury was exhausted. We respectfully ask the attention of the General Council to this matter.

The following is a statement of the condition of the Missions under our charge:

1. In the last report it was stated that the *English Mission at Chicago, Illinois*, then without a regular pastor, was supplied by the Rev. H. Reck, who, at the request of the committee, consented to preach in connection with his duties as professor in Augustana College, until a pastor could be secured. He continued in charge of the mission until the close of January, and rendered valuable service, not only by the stated preaching of the Word, but by visiting the families connected with the church and others interested in it, gathering children into the Sunday school, and other pastoral work, which resulted in a renewed interest and largely increased attendance, both at divine service and at the Sunday school.

At the solicitation of the committee, the Rev. E. Belfour visited Chicago during the latter part of last October in order personally to

inspect the field, so as intelligently to determine whether to accept the call to take charge of our English interests there. He was deeply impressed with the importance of the mission in that great Lutheran centre of the West, with its many congregations composed of members of foreign birth. Urged by the congregation, and by many others who had never been connected with it, to the great satisfaction of the Executive Committee, he accepted the call, and with his family removed to Chicago, arriving there January 27th, and found a "marked interest among the friends of the mission." The attendance increased so rapidly, that at the expiration of three weeks, it was found necessary to enlarge the audience room of the chapel, by the removal of the partition which set off a room at the rear end. The congregation was reorganized under the name of "The English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity." Quite a number of Scandinavian families who had become anglicised, or who wished to train their children in a Lutheran Church, instead of permitting them to be scattered among other denominations, connected themselves with the mission. Encouragement was also received from other pastors of the city, and a hopeful spirit infused into the little band that had proved so faithful during the years of trial through which they had passed. At the end of six months, Mr. Belfour reported that ninety-three new members had been received, twelve of them by confirmation, who, added to the thirty-seven remaining from the former organization, made a total of one hundred and thirty communicants; two hundred children were in attendance at the Sunday school, and one hundred and forty-three families were already identified with the church, or expected soon to be. The great want of the mission is a church edifice. The frame building which is made to answer the purposes of a house of worship, is entirely too small, and without proper accommodation for the uses to which it is put. The congregation for the most part were "burned out" in the disastrous conflagration which visited their city three years ago, and have not had time to recover from the pecuniary losses then sustained. They are also oppressed with a heavy debt of nearly $6,000, incurred in the purchase of their church lot. Under these circumstances it is simply impossible for them to erect a church building and pay for it themselves. Realizing, however, that no further progress can be made without enlarged accommodations, in humble dependence upon the Divine blessing, they propose to put up the rear half of the basement of their church, 60x60 feet, and have already laid the foundation for it, and hope that means sufficient will be furnished to enable them to complete that part of the building during the coming winter. In this undertaking they need aid from abroad, and it is confidently expected that those who love our church will help them in this emergency.

If this church is firmly established, it will become a centre of influence not only for Chicago, but for the entire Northwest, and will richly repay all the labor and means that have been expended upon it. We are fortunate in having a pastor in charge of this mission who is especially adapted to the work to be done here, not only by experience in the pastoral office, but by his acquaintance with the languages of the members of the churches by which he is surrounded, whose children he must gather into his own. If he is properly sustained now, with the favor of a gracious Providence, success is assured.

2. *The Columbus Mission* has been under the charge of the Rev. H. Peters. He entered upon his duties there on the 1st of October, 1873. Previous to that time, by reason of difficulties and unhappy strife, the congregation had been somewhat reduced in numbers and much discouraged. About sixty members remained faithful to the organization, and these were harmonious and united, and were rejoiced to be able to come together again in the house of God, to attend upon the ministrations of their own pastor, and by their active co-operation assist very greatly in the building up of the church. A catechetical class was formed, which was attended by the old as well as the young, and the effort was to lead back those who had gone astray on account of former misunderstandings and variance. The Sunday school is promising, one hundred and sixteen scholars being enrolled at the beginning of the year; the Catechism is regularly taught in it, and a churchly aim and spirit is inculcated in all its exercises. An interesting feature of the congregation is the zeal and devotion of the young members, of whom there is a considerable number. The missionary reports that "many of them are engaged in the Sunday school work," and that their prompt attendance at public worship and their love for the church displayed in self-sacrificing labors," encourages him with good hopes for the future. The oppressive debt which rests upon their church building is the greatest discouragement of the congregation. They have been endeavoring for several years to reduce it, and are still continuing their self-denying efforts in this direction, and hope to be able to liquidate it. A wide field of usefulness is open before this mission, especially among the children of the large German population of the city. With the Divine blessing the days of its weakness, in a few years, will give place to strength and influence.

3. *The Mission at Vandalia* continued during the greater part of the year, under the charge of the Rev. J. H. Hunton, who also was serving it at the date of the last report. The missionary reports that the ministration of the Word and sacraments was regularly attended to, notwithstanding long continued and distressing sickness in his family.

The attendance steadily increased. In the early part of the year an aged lady was baptized and received as a communicant, and a class of eighteen catechumens was formed. At Whitsunday there was an accession of four young men by confirmation, and one by letter. The interest in the Sunday school continued undiminished, the year having been commenced with an increase of twenty pupils over the preceding year. The debt on the parsonage has been considerably reduced, and it was expected that before long it would be paid off entirely. The mission sustained a serious loss, however, by the removal of two members who had been active and liberal supporters of the church and ministry.

It is greatly to be regretted that Brother Hunton could not remain at this place, but the severe affliction of his family rendered it necessary for him to seek another field of labor. A call having been extended to him from Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, he resigned at Vandalia on the 22d of June. His resignation was accepted by the congregation with great reluctance. He speaks very feelingly of the kindness and generosity which they manifested towards him, and parted from them with deep regret. Since that time the church has been without a pastor. We learn, however, that correspondence has been opened with another brother, and it is hoped that this want may be soon supplied.

4. *The German settlements in Morgan and adjacent counties, Tenn.*, of which the village of Wartburg is the centre, have been supplied by the Rev. J. F. Hirshman, of the Iowa Synod, to whom a small appropriation was made by the committee. His labors were abundant and most unselfish, but were put forth amid sickness, poverty, and a combination of difficulties, altogether too great to insure the highest success. By the construction of a railroad through this mountainous region the price of living had become so high, and the rate of rents so great, that Pastor Hirshman has recently removed his family to Chattanooga, and serves these places, until further arrangements can be made, from this city. Here he is now, laboring in the establishment of a Parochial School and a Church, for both of which the materials are abundant among the many Germans residing there. We await with interest the result of this movement, which, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, we must regard as a providential one.

5. The committee continued its efforts to secure a missionary to labor among the English Lutherans at *Davenport, Iowa,* but up to this time no suitable laborer has been found. The Rev. A. H. Bartholomew spent a few weeks there, previous to accepting the call and taking charge of the congregation at Greensburg, Pa. Shortly after his departure the mission suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. D. Raff, who had been very desirous of seeing an English church established there, and who was willing and able to assist the enterprise. The Rev.

Prof. Reck, of Augustana College, was requested to labor at Davenport during his summer vacation. He found the people so much discouraged on account of the death of Mr. Raff, that they felt themselves unable to buy a lot and proceed to the erection of a church; and inasmuch as no permanent laborer could be obtained, it was thought better to suspend operations until Providence should open the way for us to proceed. The Rev. Mr. Gass, of the Iowa Synod, pastor of the German Lutheran Church, kindly offered us the use of his church, whenever we may need it for English services. And it is confidently hoped that at no distant day we may be able to resume the work in this important place.

6. Since our last Convention, the committee have added another mission to those already under their care. This is the German Lutheran Church in the city of Atlanta, Ga. It has been organized by the Rev. J. Heckel, of Knoxville, Tenn., under the instructions of the committee, and a pastor has been secured for it in the person of Rev. Theodore Koeberle, of the Iowa Synod. Through his self-denying and energetic labors, a neat church has been erected and nearly paid for, and a parochial school established which was taught by the pastor. On the first of January last, this mission, owing to the financial embarrassments which were felt most disastrously in Atlanta, was taken upon our funds, and an appropriation of $300 made to the support of the pastor. Since then, successive trials, beginning with smallpox in the family of the missionary, and for months scattering the children of the school, have followed each other, and sadly interfered with the growth of the church. For some months past, a movement has been on foot looking to the establishment of an English Lutheran Church in the city of Atlanta, under the auspices of the Synod of Georgia. What the result may be remains to be seen, but though Pastor Koeberle has nobly held his ground in the midst of all manner of discouragements, it is highly probably that he will be obliged to give place to a laborer with a smaller family, in order to preserve the existence and property of the German congregation. This should be done at all sacrifices, as Atlanta is already the second city in Georgia, and will always have a population who require the preaching of the Word in the German language.

The following is a condensed statement from the reports of the mission work in the District Synods:

MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Twenty-five missions were supported by this Synod during its last synodical year. Of these, seventeen, comprising forty congregations

scattered throughout its wide territory, were under the charge of the Executive Committee, and eight, comprising nine congregations situated in the city of Philadelphia, were under the charge of the Board of City Missions. The missionaries, together with the fields of labor, were as follows: Rev. R. S. Wagner, Doylestown; Rev. A. O. Engel, Norristown; Rev. J. H. Schmidt, White Haven; Rev. W. H. Kuntz, Logan Station; Rev. F. K. Huntzinger, St. Luke's, Reading; Rev. E. L. Reed, Trenton, N. J.; Rev. J. H. Voss, Germania; Rev. J. Gruhler, Shenandoah City; Rev. J. Leonberger, Millville, N. J.; Rev. F. F. Buermeyer, Wilkesbarre; Rev. Dr. Sommer, Pittstown; Rev. M. B. Lenker, Lykens; Rev. J. F. Wilken, Narrowsburg, N. Y.; Rev. F. T. Hennicke, Weatherby and Rockport; Rev. B. H. Hunt, St. Stephen's, West Philadelphia; Rev. E. T. Horn, Christ Church, Chestnut Hill; Rev. W. K. Frick, St. Paul's, Philadelphia; Rev. C. F. Welden, St. Peter's, West Philadelphia; Rev. W. Hasskarl, Immanuel's, Frankford; Rev. O. Meerwein, St. Michael's, Richmond; Rev. A. T. Geissenhainer, Germantown and Rising Sun. Ephrata, Montourville, Black Oak Ridge and Woodbury were supplied by the several Conferences. St, Peter's, Philadelphia, without a pastor, subsequent to January 1, 1874, was also attended to by supplies. The missions in Philadelphia are reported to "have flourished beyond expectation," inasmuch as they were carried on under "very disadvantageous circumstances," owing to the indebtedness necessarily incurred in securing places for worship, and to the fact that the city churches, on which the burden of these missions rests, were also largely engaged in other works of the Synod. The increasing membership of St. Stephen's, West Philadelphia, was deemed sufficient to justify an enlargement of the chapel, which was accordingly made, at an expense of $1,000. The debt of Christ Church, of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, has been considerably reduced. St. Paul's congregation, in the northern part of the city, are actively pressing the work in their interesting field, and are considering the project of selecting a permanent location for their chapel. The German missions of Philadelphia, of which St. Michael's is the largest and most important, are also gradually gathering in the members that have removed from the neighborhood of the older churches, and the strangers newly arrived in the city.

The missions under the charge of the Executive Committee are also reported to be in a very prosperous condition, as is attested by the large number of persons baptized and confirmed during the year. At Shenandoah City the Rev. J. Gruhler has been enabled to complete and consecrate a new church building, costing $6,000; and at Frackville, in the same charge, another church was being erected. At

Wilkesbarre, the Rev. F. F. Buermeyer, after much toil and anxiety, has also built a new church edifice, which was consecrated since the last Convention of the Synod The venerable Father Miller, of Phœnixville, sees his "prayers, and toils, and faith rewarded," in being permitted to minister to his people in their new church. Several new mission stations are contemplated, at some of which services are held by the ministers of the Conferences until permanent laborers can be secured for them. An interesting feature of the mission work of this Synod, is the provision which is being made for services in both the German and English languages, conducted by the same pastor.

The total amount expended for the support of these missions was $4,901.25. An appropriation of $1,200 was also made to the General Council's Executive Committee on Home Missions, and $250 to the Castle Garden Mission.

NEW YORK MINISTERIUM.

Twelve mission churches were supported by this Ministerium during its last synodical year. They are as follows: Rochester (English), Rev. R. Hill; Rochester (German), Rev E. Heydler; Utica, Rev. P. Schooner; Troy, Rev. F. Goesling; Yonkers, Rev. L. Koenig; Webster, Rev. R. Gerndt; Bleeker, Rev. U. Berner; Boonville, Rev. J. Peterson; Port Chester, Rev. B. Cunz; Newark, N. J., Rev. T. Maas; Hudson City N. J., Rev. R. Hoeck; Pittsfield, Mass, Rev. J D. Haeger. These congregations are reported as showing "if not all a rapid, nevertheless a steady growth." The English Mission at Rochester suffered a serious loss in the removal of their zealous pastor, Rev. R. Hill, but were happily soon supplied again in the person of the Rev. Mr. Kohler, from the Seminary, in Philadelphia. The congregation at Cornhill, Utica, reduced their debt by the sum of $600, collected among themselves. Rev. J. D. Haeger, in addition to his charge at Pittsfield, Mass., has organized a new congregation at Lee, in the same State, with encouraging prospects of success. The most rapid growth of the twelve missions was exhibited by the young German congregation at Rochester, under the care of the Rev. E. Heydler. The cornerstone of a new church edifice for this congregation was laid at the time of the last Convention of the Ministerium.

Many places in the State of New York, and parts adjacent, yet remain to be occupied. The Ministerium, by the establishment of a college at Newark, and the endowment of two additional professorships in the Philadelphia Seminary, is taking the proper steps to secure a rapid increase in the number of her ministers. Places can easily be found for all of them, for the fields are "white already to harvest." While

earnest attention is given to the vast German interests of the Synod, care should also be taken to gather the English-speaking children into the same fold of the Church of their fathers.

The amount expended for mission work was $1,592.45, together with $168.50 paid to the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund of the General Council.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Eleven missions, comprising upwards of twenty congregations, were sustained by this Synod during the synodical year. They are as follows: Allegheny Valley, Rev. J. Sarver; Butler, Rev. L. H. Geschwind; East Liverpool, Rev. J. Fritz; Christ Church, Pittsburgh, Rev. J. Q. Waters; Franklin and Dempseytown; Kittanning, Rev. J. A. Kribbs; Monongahela, Rev. S. Munsch; New Lebanon, Rev. S. H. Swingle; North Eastern, Rev. I. Breneman; Ten Mile, Rev. J. S. Lawson; Tidioute, Rev. M. Schweigert. In addition to these, services were also held at Irwin's, Manor, and Corry, Pa., and Good Hope, Bethel, Trenton, and Salineville, Ohio. A few vacancies in the pastorates occurred during the year, but the congregations were still supplied by the ministers of the several Conferences, aided by Messrs. Gerberding, Roth, Weibel, Kuhns and Potts, theological students from the Philadelphia Seminary. A large number of accessions to these missions by confirmation and baptism was reported. A parsonage has been completed at Greenoak, and is now occupied by the pastor, the Rev. S. Munsch. The new church building at Ridgway, erected through the indefatigable and self-denying labors of the Rev. I. Breneman, is nearly ready for occupancy. Several new missions are contemplated by the Synod, but as yet suitable laborers have not been secured for them. The want of an increased number of ministers is deeply felt. Many of the pastors, in addition to their own charges, have performed mission work in order to retain the places already occupied, and meet the wants of those who otherwise would be without the ministration of the Word and sacraments.

The amount contributed for Home Missions, including $600 paid to the General Council's Executive Committee on Home Missions, was $3,717.64.

DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

The minutes of the last Convention of this body prove to us, that the missionary zeal of the Synod has not grown less fervent or earnest since the last Convention of the General Council, notwithstanding the many difficulties with which these brethren met, and the many hindrances they have to overcome. A great and interesting field is

before them, and they are laboring as diligent and faithful workers in the vineyard of the Master.

The missions at Zanesville, under the pastoral care of the Rev. W. P. Ruthrauff, Alliance, under Rev. J. L. Smith, Columbus, Rev. H. Peters, pastor, and Lima, Rev. L. H. Geschwind, pastor, have been carried on during the past year with encouraging results. No field seems more ripe for the harvest, and no District Synod in connection with the Council, manifests a greater willingness to do all in its power in building up new charges and supplying them with the Word and sacraments.

The apportionment made among the different charges for missions for the year commencing August, 1874, is $1,500. This, with $150, the contribution of the Synod to the General Council's Home Mission work, will make $1,650, which it is proposed to raise during the present year. Ten times this amount, however, could be profitably used in building up new congregations throughout the great State of Ohio, in places where Lutherans, for want of ministers of their choice, are necessitated to cast in their lot with other denominations. The brethren who are laboring in this territory, especially need the prayers and sympathy and aid of the church at large.

In addition to the amounts paid towards the support of the four missions above named for the past year, $150 were placed in the Home Mission Treasury of the General Council.

MICHIGAN SYNOD.

The committee has not received any report of the mission work of this Synod for the past year.

THE SWEDISH AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

The mission work of this Synod has been carried forward with great vigor, notwithstanding the depression of the times and the distressing lack of laborers. By means of a well ordered system of pastoral supplies in each of the five Conference Districts of the Synod, supplemented by the labors of duly authorized colporteurs, and the services of the advanced theological students, a multitude of vacant congregations and settlements have been statedly or occasionally visited and supplied during the past year. The fields of these operations in the East have been parts of New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey and the New England States; and Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Dacotah, Kansas, Colorado and California in the West. The amount thus expended for missionary work during this year was $3,885.32, all of which was contributed by the con-

gregations of the Synod. The ordination of a goodly number of young men from the seminary in Paxton at the last Convention of the Synod, happily supplied a large number of vacant or recently organized churches, but the demand for laborers seems to increase rather than diminish, notwithstanding the annual supply from the seminary. Not only are the older settlements clamoring for an increase of pastoral labor, and organizing churches at the outlying srations, but distant States and Territories are asking for missionary aid. Colorado is a most important and hopeful field, and has been statedly visited by several missionary pastors. Since the last Synod, the Rev. J. Auslund of St. Paul, Minn., was sent to California, and is now seeking out the long neglected Swedes in that State. Another brother, the Rev. Pastor Erickson, of Chicago, is on his way to Florida, in response to a call from the Swedes who have emigrated there. Another, the Rev. Pastor Lindahl, of Galesburg, Ill., has been duly appointed to visit Memphis, New Orleans, and the Swedish settlements in Texas. A call has been received at this meeting of the Council, for a faithful pastor to go to Utah and preach to a congregation of Swedes who have renounced Mormonism. There is a wide field of missionary labor in Utah, among the unhappy victims of this corrupt system, who have been perverted from the faith of Christ, and now desire to come back to the church of their birth. Would that the Executive Committee of the General Council could appropriate $1,000 for missionary labor among the Scandinavian population in Colorado, Utah, California and Oregon! We know no outlay which would bring in a larger revenue of good to the church and to her scattered children than the expenditure of such a sum in this their time of need.

CANADA SYNOD.

The missionary work in this Synod has been prosecuted with more than usual vigor and encouragement during the past year. *Seven* distinct fields, viz., those of the Ottawa, Morrison, New Dundee, Sullivan, Egmontville, Aldboro and Denbigh missions, embracing some twenty churches and Stations, are cultivated by the brethren Revs. K. Graepp, W. Baumbach, S. Poppen, A. Schambach, A. Volkrodt, Ch. Spring and the Missionary President. A number of new churches have been erected and consecrated, and at several places others are in progress of erection. The German Churches at Toronto and Hamilton, have been transfered from the list of the missions to that of the pastorates. About $800 were appropriated to the Home Missionary work of the Synod during the past year, so that to the poor the gospel might be preached. We again express our deep regret that the overdrawn trea-

sury of the Executive Committee, made it impossible to appropriate the sum of $500, which would have enabled the Canada Synod to keep a travelling missionary in the field, exploring the many destitute places in that province.

The territory of the Synod extends from the Georgian Bay and Lake Huron in the northwest, to Lake Erie in the south, and the St. Lawrence river in the east. Over this wide extent of country the Lutherans are settled in separate localities. If a travelling missionary could be sustained, these members and their children could be so far provided for as to be retained in the church, until ministers could be sent to reside among them permanently, otherwise many of them will be lost to us altogether. It is painful to read the petitions from some of these people, and not be able to help them.

TEXAS SYNOD.

Here again is a field in which the services of a travelling missionary are imperatively demanded by the necessities of the many German settlers scattered over this large State. Not long after the union of the Texas Synod with the General Council, a request was made to our committee for aid in the mission work in which that Synod is engaged. The same request was laid before the Council at its Convention held in 1870, and a resolution was adopted commending the matter to the Executive Committee. The committee, however, were embarrassed for want of funds to prosecute the work then in hand, and were unable to carry out the design of this resolution. Again in 1873 the same petition was officially presented to the Council by the President of the Texas Synod, and another resolution of like import with the first one, was adopted. The committee would have rejoiced to carry out the wishes of the Council and provide for a travelling missionary in Texas, but the churches have never advanced the means to put it into our power to do so. The repeated requests of these struggling brethren have only met with repeated disappointment. In the meantime evil men, creeping in unawares, have been at work, alienating and dividing the members of the church and their households. How long will the Church permit this state of things to continue? A few individuals uniting their contributions could easily place $500 in our treasury for this purpose. Shall not the distressing want of these brethren be speedily supplied?

INDIANA SYNOD.

The Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, who was elected General Missionary at the organization of this Synod, and who, by his abundant labors, has

proved himself well qualified for the work, is still retained in that position. He gives all his time to the duties of his office, travelling from place to place, looking after the destitute fields, supplying vacant congregations, and organizing new congregations. The demands upon his time, however, have been greater than he could meet, and the Synod has made arrangements by which two other brethren, the Revs. I. Hursch and H. Fairchild, give part of their time in assisting him. The Columbus, St. Paul, Corydon, Newberry and Alino missions were supplied by these brethren during the past year. The Nashville mission elected Rev. H. Fairchild pastor, and is now regularly served by him. The new charge formed at Olney, Illinois, has also been received under the care of the Synod, and $200 appropriated to it. It is hoped that this interesting charge may soon be able to secure the services of a pastor; as yet, however, it is dependent on supplies.

The self-denying zeal and fidelity which have been displayed by this, the youngest of our Synods, is worthy of all praise. Let the same spirit be manifested and the same labors continued, and in a few years strong and influential congregations will be built up throughout the thriving cities and towns of this growing State, which, in their turn, will assist in carrying the Gospel to the regions beyond.

The amount appropriated to the support of these missions is $975.

CONCLUSION.

From the reports which have thus been furnished us, it will be seen that nearly $20,000 have been contributed for Home Missions among the various District Synods of the General Council during the year just closed. The financial embarrassments which have so disastrously affected the business interests of the country during the same period, have doubtless lessened the amount which otherwise would have been given. But the work to be done is growing greater, and the demands upon us are still increasing every day. It is the Lord's work, and he lays the responsibility of performing it upon us, and permits us to be co-laborers with him in providing for the spiritual wants of his children. It is his will that the Gospel should be preached to every creature, and it is our fault if his will is not carried out, at least in that part of the Church's work to which in his providence he has called us. "A great door and effectual" is opened to our Lutheran Zion in this broad land. Thousands and tens of thousands are looking to us for the bread of life. Shall they be denied? Is it too much to ask that each communicant member in connection with the General Council, give the small sum of *one dollar a year* to this cause. The amount for each one would be but small, and yet it would place at the disposal

of the Synods and of our Executive Committee, the handsome sum of $175,000. Compared with this, how meagre the amount now annually contributed appears. If the pastors and officers of the different charges will take this matter in hand, and interest themselves in it, and lay the facts of the case before their various congregations, with the Divine blessing, the most gratifying results will be reached. The burden of this work should not be left to rest upon a few. The effort should be a general one, and each member be made to realize his duty. Only when a true missionary spirit pervades our entire communion, can we expect to be able to care for the souls of those who call themselves by the same name that we bear.

We append the report of the Treasurer of the Committee:

Report of Treasurer of Home Mission Fund.

THOS. H. LANE, TREASURER, in account with the Home Mission Fund of General Council of Evangelical Lutheran Church.

DR.

1873.	To cash per	
Oct. 28,	Rev. Krogness	$ 3 00
Dec. 13,	Rev. Dr. Passavant,	100 00
1874.		
June 16,	Pennsylvania Synod,	600 00
July 25,	Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of New York	168 50
Sept. 7,	Pennsylvania Synod,	500 00
Oct. 7,	Pittsburgh Synod,	600 00
" 13,	District Synod of Ohio,	150 00
" "	Michigan Synod,	30 00
	Balance overdrawn to date,	728 44
		$2,879 94

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1873.		
Oct. 10,	By balance overdrawn, as per last statement	$905 30
	By cash paid	
	Rev. E. Belfour, travelling expenses to visit Chicago,	50 00
	Rev. H. Reck, services in Chicago and travelling expenses,	170 00
	Rev. J. H. Hunton, Vandalia, Ill	150 00
	Rev. H. Peters, Columbus, O	150 00
	Rev. H. Reck, services in Chicago	40 00
	Rev. Th. Koeberle, Atlanta, Ga	225 00
	Rev. E. Belfour, Chicago,	1,000 00
	H. Reck, services, Davenport,	25 00
	J. L. Hirshman, Wartburg, Tenn	25 00
	" " " "	5 00
	Interest on money borrowed,	89 64
		$2,879 94

After an examination of the books and vouchers, we find above to be a correct statement of account.

DR. A. LANGE,
D. M. ARMOR.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 13th, 1874.

The report of the committee was received and adopted, and on its consideration the following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That the two resolutions passed at the last Convention be renewed, and that the Vice Presidents of this body be especially requested fully to bring this matter before their respective Synods.

The action of the Convention of 1873 is as follows. (See Minutes of 1873, p. 49.)

Resolved, That the Council renews its request to the District Synods, to pay promptly to the Executive Committee on Home Missions, the one-fifth of their contributions to the Home Mission cause.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee on Home Missions be instructed to make special appeals to the members of the Lutheran Church, for means to aid them in carrying on the Mission work.

A ballot was taken for the Executive Committee on Home Missions, and the following persons were subsequently reported elected.

Executive Committee on Home Missions.

Revs. W. A. Passavant, G. A. Wenzel, J. K. Melhorn, E. Smith and S. Laird, and Messrs. T. H. Lane, A. Lange, D. M. Armor, L. Kim and William W. Wattles.

Foreign Missions.

The remainder of the report of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions was read and received, and the whole report adopted. It is as follows:

Report of the Executive Committee.

We present to the General Council at its Eighth Convention an account of the Mission work, with the oversight of which we have been charged.

DEATH OF FATHER HEYER.

Soon after the Convention at Erie, it pleased the Lord of Glory to call his aged servant, the Rev. C. F. Heyer, the founder of our mission in India, home to himself. On the 7th of November he fell asleep in Jesus, at the close of a life full of years, full of labors and full of results. The greater part of his life was devoted to the work of missions at home and abroad. He had spent years in the frontier wilds in

America, seeking and ministering to the scattered members of our Lord's fold, and he was the first to offer himself to go out from the Lutheran Church in America as a missionary to the heathen. When a missionary society connected with the General Synod proposed to establish a mission in India, he offered himself as missionary, but when they decided to place the society in union with the A. B. C. F. M. (a union of all Protestant mission work), he withdrew his proposal, and induced the Ministerium of Pennsylvania to send him out. In 1841 he went on his first voyage to India, and established the mission among the Telugus at Guntur. Twice afterwards did he return to India to continue the work he had begun. The establishment of the Foreign Mission on the part of the General Council was at his instance, and he gave the valuable aid of his experience in setting it on a firm foundation. His name will be held in enduring remembrance. We render thanks to God for the services and example of his servant departed, and pray that something of his humility of spirit, consecration to the Master's work, readiness to spend and be spent for Christ, may descend to us.

Summary of the Events of the Year.

Tour Southward of Rev. H. C. Schmidt.

When the Council met last year, Mr. Schmidt had already started for Madras in order to meet his bride, who was expected there at the close of November. He had long desired to become better acquainted with the various missionaries and missions among the Telugus, and gladly embraced this opportunity to visit those on the route to Madras. At Ellore the mission begun by Rev. Mr. Grönning, had, for want of laborers, been given up to the Church Missionary Society, and had become an important mission with well arranged schools of higher order. The utmost kindness and courtesy was shown by the venerable Missionary Alexander, whom our brethren had met in the Bible Revision Committee, at Rajahmundry. At Ongole and Nellore he visited the missions of the American Baptist Society, and of the Free Church of Scotland. At Guntur he was warmly received by the brethren of the mission which Father Heyer had established. He took part in the ordination of a native preacher, who as Catechist had long and most successfully carried on the remarkable work begun by Father Heyer in the Palnaud where many hundreds have been won for Christ. Between Nellore and Madras lies the field occupied by the Hermansburg Society. It is about fifty miles long by forty broad, and within it are eight stations and ten missionaries. Our missionary was received with the greatest kindness; some of the missionaries were his countrymen and even old personal friends. He had extended conferences with Provost

Mylius and the others, and it seemed that they were drawn into nearer relationship and a better mutual understanding, though the Hermansburg men showed no inclination toward any close union with any others.

The church at Hermansburg, with its Luneberg Kirchenordnung and Cantional, its German hymns translated and sung to the German Choral, to the exclusion of all Telugu melodies, its black gown of doubtful propriety in that climate, seems to be the model at all the stations, and the rules of the society are carried out with exact carefulness.

On arriving in Madras, Bro. S. learned that the November steamer being full, his betrothed had not been able to leave for a month later than expected. He therefore determined to extend his visit southward into the Tamil country, the seat of the earlier missions in India. At Tranquebar and Tanjore, he saw the results of the labors and stood at the graves of Ziegenbalg and Schwartz. The congregations have become like those of Christian lands, and nearly all baptisms are of infants and the labors needed by the members leave little time for efforts among the heathen.

Without having purposed, almost without having wished it, Bro. Schmidt was thus led through scenes most interesting and instructive to a missionary, and the personal friendships formed will be a bond of sympathy and interest between him and many devout and honored servants of Christ.

Bro. Schmidt's journey was continued to Bombay, where the blessed Festival of Christmas was made more glad by the arrival of his betrothed. On New Year's Day, in the Lutheran Church of the Leipzig Mission, they were married by Rev. C. F. Kremnur, at whose most hospitable house they were entertained for a fortnight. A full account of the visit of Bro. Schmidt to the various missions was published in a series of articles in the *Zeitschrift*, as was also in the *Lutheran* an interesting narrative of the voyage to India of Mrs. S., written by herself.

BROTHER POULSEN'S ILLNESS AND RECOVERY.

Bro. Poulsen had been at Samulcotta, and after his return Mrs. P. was taken with a fever. From the middle of November on for three weeks Bro. P. was seriously ill with dysentery, and his life was for a time despaired of by his physician and all who saw him. In a letter, after his recovery, he says: "My poor wife, in spite of her great distress and anxiety, was not only a nurse for my frail body, but also for my soul; how glad I was when she now and then repeated

a word of love from our dear Saviour's lips. The English Society was very kind to me and to her. To Henry we owe our greatest thanks; after working all day he would insist on coming to me every night, and what he did he did with love."

TOUR AMONG THE VILLAGES.

He writes further: "Concerning our mission work, we ought not less to thank our Lord, for in him we know that we do not and have not labored in vain. The behavior of the Christians has been, so far as we know, in consistency with their high calling, except one in an out-village whom we excommunicated for drunkenness. When we visit the Christians in the villages, we also preach to the heathen, and I am now on a tour preaching in the villages of the district. I pitch my tent in a village where I remain some days, and go out to the nearest surrounding villages.

The Lord gave us a great Christmas joy through a poor brother who departed from this world on Christmas day. He died of hydrophobia, having been bitten two or three months ago by a mad jackal. On Christmas eve he came to me and complained that he could not swallow water. I sent him at once to the hospital, and when told that he could live but a few days, he was not at all frightened. On Christmas he asked me to give him the Sacrament, and then desired to be taken home that he might spend his last days with Christians. I spent most of Christmas day with him. God be praised for what I could see of His blessing on this poor man. He asked me to pray with him, and often to pray for him, and I heard him often call upon our Saviour, and saying 'forgive me all my sins.'"

Of this tour Bro. Poulsen sent an extended report, which was published at the time.

BIRTH OF THE FIRST BABE.

On the 27th of February Bro. Poulsen writes: "I must write and tell you about the great family joy which our Heavenly Father has given us. On the 21st inst. a daughter was born to us, and she as well as her mother have been well since. On the 24th she was baptized and called Agnes Martha Henriette; Bro. and Mrs. Schmidt and an old Danish lady, widow of an English missionary, were sponsors."

BRO. SCHMIDT'S TOUR TO THE HILLS.

March 16, he writes: "My wife and I have been up to the hill country for twenty days, and enjoyed it very much. I look upon it as a special favor from the Lord that she was well all the time, and was able to go with me to all the villages, where she was the means of col-

lecting often quite a number of people, especially women. The people are anxious to hear the Gospel. We long very much to do more for them. Alas, only one of the three teachers whom we sent immediately after my return from Madras is still there. He also has suffered from fever, but was well when we left him. His name is Brakashamu, the young man supported by the Sunday School of St. James' Church, Reading. We tried him a little in one of our nearest schools, found him do well, and sent him to a village, Kondamodalu, near the gorge of the Godavery. He was married on Christmas day, and his wife is the daughter of one of our Christians at Rajahm, and has received a good education. As she is only fourteen years of age, it is a difficult position for her to be in, so far away from Christian women. The other two teachers are down with fever. Jeremias, who was with us, had fever badly for five or six days; but when we had determined to send him home by the first boat, he got better, and since then has been very well. We tried our best to get some boys from the hills to educate them here, but they are as much afraid to come here as our people are to go to the hills; besides, their mothers lamented as though they were about to send their sons to another world. Our prospects in the hills are not very promising; however, we feel almost certain that the Lord will hear our prayers, and show us a way to bring these people under the influence of the Gospel. Ah! had we only men. Oh! how often I wished you had been present and seen the people around us. Some stood in perfect astonishment with their mouths quite open, as if they wanted to swallow every word about the love of the living God, whilst others learned to pronounce the sweet name of Jesus. Though we regret very much that our people get sick in that region, we feel the more thankful and happy that my wife and I enjoy good health.

Yesterday, on our way home, we visited a village, Peddahem, where we have some Christians. We celebrated there the Lord's Supper; there were fifteen persons. The school-house was surrounded by visitors all day long; even the head man of the village attended our service in the morning, sitting inside among our low caste Christians. Close to the school-house stands a temple, which is now almost ruined. I had this in view when I asked for that piece of ground, and built the school-house close to the temple. The opposition of the heathen proved in vain, and now the temple is neglected."

ABOUT WRITING OFTENER.

The desire was expressed by the committee that we might hear more fully and frequently from them, about which Bro. S. says: "We would like to write oftener, and we certainly should do it, if you

could manage to send us a little of your cold weather. You really must try to have patience with us. Perhaps it will enable you to understand our negligence better, if you think how ministers in America often feel in July and August. I heard one call it the end of the cold weather when he saw that we had 90°. However, up to this time (March 30,) we have this year seldom had much more than this in the house."

ABOUT STATISTICAL REPORTS.

April 8, 1874, Bro. Schmidt writes; "Having received the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Council, I observe that you wish us to send statistics of the last year. I thought I had sent from time to time all that could interest friends of our mission, though we certainly had not given a proper annual report, as many missionaries do. I must confess that I do not quite like them in the way that many of them are drawn up. Though they are literally true, they do not convey the true idea to the reader's mind. With a small number of Christians spread over so large a field as ours, it is difficult to have everything well regulated. Besides, I think that this will be more the duty of future pastors than of the missionary.

Some missionaries baptize as many as they can persuade, write down the number, and little more is seen of those Christians. Others are too careful, but their converts are not only in their lists, but also really exist, though they are but few. Missionaries who feel that they cannot well report having so many Christians in their congregations, write that they have so many names in their church register, and leave it to the readers to understand it as they choose.

In all my writings I endeavor to convey to you a true idea of our position. More I cannot do. Misunderstandings, such as that on page 15, in Minutes of 1873, will occur. I intended to give that number (320) including children. The number of communicants is a few less than one hundred. In 1873 were baptized nine children, thirteen adults."

SCHOLARS SUPPORTED BY SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

"Of the young men supported by our Sunday schools, two were employed as teachers at the beginning of this year.

Peter, supported by the Erie S. S., was sent as a teacher to Jegumpad, where he gives satisfaction. The number of children in the school has increased to twenty-five.

Brakashamu, sustained by the S. S. of St. James' Church, Reading, Pa., was sent up to the hills, where he has been for two months. However, I hear now that he and his wife are suffering from fever, and I expect them to return in a few days.

We have filled up their places, so that the list of boys supported by schools is at present (April, 1874,) as follows: Stephen, Erie S. S.; Brakashamu, St. James', Reading; William Schaeffer, St. Michael's, Germantown; Lazarus, Dr. Moldehnke's S. S., New York; Peter, Rochester S. S.; Matthew, Trinity, Reading; William, Rev. Isenschmid's S. S., Wilmington, Delaware; James, Rev J. B. Fox, Emlenton, Pa.

As yet we could procure no more. The next time scholars are admitted into the government school, I hope to send one there for Rev. A. Spaeth's S. S., at Philadelphia."

The latest information on this subject is contained in a letter of date August 22, in which Bro. S. writes: "I enclose photographs of James and Willie, for their respective Sunday Schools. (James is supported by Rev. J. B. Fox, personally, and not by a school.—*Sec.*) They get on nicely with their studies. James received, some weeks ago, a prize. You see that he holds the book in his hand. The head master of the government school said that he was the best map drawer in the whole school, and specimens shown were admired by all visitors. The judge contributed the prizes, and all the English inhabitants, with their families, were present. May the Lord keep them both humble, and make them pious and zealous for His work. We intended to send two more of our boys to the government school, but they have done away with the lowest class, and none of them were able to pass the examination, consequently we cannot as yet give them the help of the Sunday school of St. John's, Philadelphia. We press it on the parents to do all they can for the support of the children. The assistance of Sunday schools can only be given with advantage where we see that the parents are unable to support them. But please tell the children not to stop collecting money. We may soon require more than they can give, as the number of children increases."

ESTABLISHMENT OF A BAPTIST MISSION AMONG THE TELUGUS.

The American Baptist Union, or rather the Canada branch of it, has established a mission at Coconada, the seaport of Rajahmundry, and within eight miles of Samulcotta, where we have a mission house at which Bro. Poulsen has long desired to reside. The missionary, McLaurin, expects three or four others shortly from Canada. He has already proposed to buy our mission house.

The peculiar views entertained by these persons awaken a fear that they will not prove as pleasant neighbors as might be desired. Bro. Schmidt writes: "I am not afraid that too many missionaries will come here, but I think it would be a pity if we should have to do too much fighting with Baptists, as there are heathen enough around us. I asked

him whether we could and should not agree that neither would interfere with the other's work, but he did not like to promise to take none of our Christians. I like the man, but I do not think it is a good start which they have made. Whilst there was no missionary here, a number of our Christians and teachers were brought over to the Baptists, or that body called Plymouth Brethren, at Nursapur, some of whom afterward went over to the American Baptist Union. However, if they send out a number of missionaries, a good work may still be done, and the bad elements be thrown out. But in any case, it will lead to misunderstanding and grief, especially as we cannot expect the natives to understand the real character of our difference in doctrine. I think it would be so much better if they had started a mission farther to the north. However, the Lord overrules all for the good of souls."

MEETING OF TEACHERS.

"In July," writes Bro. Poulsen, "we have all the teachers gathered here at Rajahmundry, in order to instruct and train them in Bible reading with explanation, Bible History, Church History, the Catechism, and to prepare them to meet the common objections of the heathen. The Hermansburg missionaries have translated from the German an Explanation of Luther's Small Catechism, which we have given to our teachers for their use. May our Saviour bless our feeble efforts to bring light to these poor people, and may we always have a firm belief that he will enlighten this country. If it was not for our Lord's commandment to preach the Gospel to every creature, and his promises, we would often be discouraged when we go from village to village and see only the greatest indifference. Pray for our work. We are very glad to learn from your letters the interest taken in our mission."

CHURCH BOOK IN TELUGU.

In the last letter received, Bro. Schmidt writes: "With regard to the Telugu Church Service, I can tell you that we get on pretty well. When we are both at home we spend two hours every day in revising our translations which Bro. Poulsen, myself, Paulus and Joseph have prepared beforehand. There are, however, sometimes difficulties which we find hard to overcome, and we often spend fully two hours at a single word. Father Heyer's translation we are unable to use, as, although he managed remarkably well in speaking Telugu, he never tried to write it, which you will easily understand is a disadvantage. I should myself have liked to have waited longer, but as Bro. Poulsen and I are able to see many faults and unsatisfactory expressions in

works of that kind now in use, we may even now secure a correctness, which though not satisfactory, would exceed that of other works used."

Bro. S. proceeds to give some instances of the difficulties encountered in translating even such a term as "The Lord Jesus."—"Before we publish it we will consult some of the senior missionaries in the Telugu country."

Your committee have advised that the counsel and co-operation of some of the older missionaries of the Leipzig and Hermansburg Societies should be asked in the revision of the translation, and that so soon as it is completed it be published at Madras.

In their last annual report your committee stated that a generous friend had offered to bear the cost of its publication. They are now constrained, without his knowledge, and they are afraid against his will, to ask permission to have printed after the title page a dedication of the work to Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer, D. D., of New York city, at whose expense the work is furnished for the use of Evangelical Lutheran missions in India.

Accounts of the Rajahmundry Mission for year 1873.

Expenditures of the mission in India for 1873.

Deficit in India, January, 1873	$ 368
Salaries of missionaries,	2,000
Salaries and travelling expenses of two Catechists	250
Repairs of mission house and dwelling	464
Travelling to hills	10
Tax, postage, &c	15
Support of scholars	170
	$3,277

School accounts of mission for 1873.

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Subscriptions of various Gentlemen.	Rupees.	Annas		Rupees.	Annas	Pies
H. Morris	60		School Books	11	13	9
A. Stuart	60		Peddahem school repairs	12		
O. B. Irvine	20		Murramunda school repairs	6		
J. F. Snaith	10		Books to Rev. Alexander	3	14	6
E. P. Metcalfe	24		Teachers' salary	457	6	
J. E Horsfall	10		Photographic chemicals	40		
Capt C. Taylor	48		Balance for 1874	318	4	10
C. Porteus	39					
Dr. J. Bilderbeck	60					
For Photographs	259	7				
" repairs of watches, sewing machines, &c	55					
Rent for house at Samulcotta	198					
Balance from 1872	6					
Rupees	849	7		849	7	1

The rupee has a value of about fifty cents. Sixteen annas make a rupee.

The report of the Treasurer shows the sum of $3,098.50 received for Foreign Missions during the year, and that the expenditures for the same

period were $4,008.96, an excess of $910.46 above the receipts. This excess has been paid out of the balance on hand. But it is to be lamented that the liberality of the churches has not equalled the demands of the year.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE MISSION WORK.

It is of the utmost importance that more missionaries should be sent out. Unless we can more vigorously occupy the field around our mission, its peaceable occupation of that field cannot long continue. Our present force cannot faithfully care for the district immediately around our station. Several young men in our ministry have the question of devoting their lives to missionary labor among the heathen under most serious consideration. Ought we not to be instructed to call one or more of these to this work, to urge them in the name of the Lord and his church to go forth. In the climate of India the health of our missionaries now there may at any time fail, and as there are but two of them, the return of either would seriously disturb the work. It is our confident belief that if we will enlarge our force, and lay the case fully before our churches, they will willingly contribute the means necessary to that end.

INFORMATION ABOUT MISSIONS.

The committee, using the permission given them last year, have secured the various German and Scandinavian missionary journals, and made arrangements with a clergyman, himself for years a missionary and well acquainted with the operations of the various German Lutheran Societies, to select such articles as may be instructive and interesting, and furnish them to our church papers. They have also arranged for translations from the reports of the Scandinavian missions.

May the Great Head of the church raise up many laborers, and send them forth into his vineyard.

B. M. SCHMUCKER,
Eng. Sec. Ex. Com. of For. Missions.

The question raised in the report in reference to sending out additional missionaries, was referred to the Executive Committee, with discretionary power to act.

Executive Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Executive Committee of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania was reappointed the General Council's Executive Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Rev. H. W. Roth addressed the Convention in reference to the interests of our church in Nova Scotia, and Rev. R. Jaeggli in regard to the work of the Texas Synod.

W. H. Staake, Esq., was excused from further attendance after the present session.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Wesner.

Ninth Session.

TUESDAY, October 20, 2 P. M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. P. Nyquist.

Rev. C. Volz was excused from further attendance.

The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

Place and Time of Next Convention.

A ballot was taken to determine the place of meeting of the next Convention. Rev. H. Grahn and Mr. H. Jarecki were appointed tellers, who reported that Galesburg, Illinois, was chosen.

The first Thursday in October, 1875, was fixed on as the time of meeting.

Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society.

In reference to the work of this Society, as presented in the address of Rev. J. A. Kunkelman at the close of the Eighth Session, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That the officers of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society be requested to lay before this body, at its next Convention, in printed form, the Charter, Constitution and By-Laws, which they propose to have approved by the General Council.

Sunday School Question Books and Lesson Leaves.

On motion of Rev. F. J. F. Schantz, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report at the next annual meeting of the General Council on the subject of Question Books, Lesson Leaves, and other aids in imparting instruction in the Sunday School.

Resolved, That the attention of the pastors and Sunday schools

of our English congregations be called to the "Questions on Epistles for the Church Year, by Rev. E. Greenwald, D. D.," and the "Lesson Leaves, by Rev. S. Wagenhals."

Revs. E. Greenwald, S. Wagenhals and F. J. F. Schantz, and Messrs. L. L. Houpt, Peter P. Keller and T. H. Lane, were appointed the committee under the first resolution.

Report of Committee on Minutes of District Synods.

Your Committee to whom was referred the Minutes of the District Synods, in connection with this body, respectfully ask leave to report the following facts found in the several minutes named by them.

THE MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The great and important labors of the mother Synod are continually on the increase. God has richly blessed this branch of His Zion.

At the 127th annual meeting of this Ministerium, held at Holy Trinity Church, Lancaster, Pa., twelve young men were solemnly ordained to the work of the ministry. Five thousand three hundred and seventy-three new members were received during the year. Of these, 247 were received by adult baptism, 4,242 by confirmation, and 884 from other churches. The Ministerium has 178 ministers, 344 congregations and 71,785 confirmed members. There were 7,491 infant baptisms during the year. The contributions last year for benevolent purposes, exclusive of local objects, amounted to more than twenty thousand five hundred dollars. The Synod has had charge of 25 missions, comprising 49 congregations, at which services were regularly held. The Synod's Board of City Missions have 8 of these missions under its care; $4,901.25 were expended in aid of these missions, $250 were appropriated to the Castle Garden Mission. The Executive Committee are instructed to appropriate one-fifth of the money collected for Home Missions, to the Home Mission Committee of the General Council. Twenty students in the Theological Seminary and seven in Colleges were assisted at an expense of $8,209.81. Six new congregations were received.

The only acts claiming the attention of this body, are:

1. Its action in regard to the purchase of books necessary to the completion of the Order for Ministerial Acts. Page 26.

2. Its action in regard to the plan submitted by the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society. Page 31.

THE MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK.

This body numbers 73 pastors and 170 congregations. It has sev-

eral missionary stations under its supervision, and maintains several students who are preparing for the holy ministry. Pastor G. W. Drees has collected subscriptions to the amount of $10,000 for the establishment of a seminary for schoolmasters. Within the bounds of this Synod two orphan houses are maintained.

One-third of the congregations of this Ministerium have congregational schools. An academy in Newark, near Rochester, N. Y., is under the auspices of this Synod. From the Minutes of the 97th Convention of the New York Ministerium, held in Zion's Church in Rochester, N. Y., from the 11th to the 16th of June, 1874, it appears that this Ministerium requests the General Council to revise once more the Order of Service in the prospective German Church Book. A committee was appointed to present to the General Council propositions for the changes desired by them to be made, in said order of service.

Your committee would move that these propositions be earnestly recommended to the attention of the German Church Book Committee.

THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

This Synod numbers 59 pastors, 128 congregations and 9,858 communicants. During the last year 7 pastors were dismissed to other Synods. At its last meeting, 4 pastors were received and 3 young brethren ordained to the holy ministry. Nine young men are supported by the Synod in the work of preparing themselves for the holy ministry, and 13 missions are sustained. The missionary report speaks encouragingly of the work done, and makes allusion to the increasing demands which will be made on its mission treasury.

Thiel College, lately established by this Synod in Greenville, Mercer county, Pa., is in a promising condition, having entered upon its present term with an increased number of students. This Synod is also earnestly engaged in perfecting a plan for the relief of its destitute and sick members.

The delegates representing it in this body were instructed to request the Council to have an *Ordination Certificate* prepared, for the use of the District Synods.

THE DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

This Synod has 62 congregations, 26 pastors and 6,109 communicant members. It sustains four missions, appropriating the sum of $1,500 for their annual support. It gives aid to two young men in course of preparation for the holy ministry. It also has in contemplation the establishment of an academy under the auspices of the Synod.

THE SWEDISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

This Synod is actively engaged in prosecuting the work of education, home missions and church extension. The Synod has contributed $3,564 to beneficiary education, and 44 students have been supported; 24 new congregations have been organized, and 10 new churches dedicated. The Synod has 93 ministers, 11 of whom were ordained at the last meeting of Synod. The communicant members are 30,127. Within the Synod there are 164 Sunday schools and 83 Parochial schools.

THE CANADA SYNOD.

This Synod convened this year in Heidelberg, Waterloo county, Ontario. It numbers 22 ministers, 4 of whom were added at its last Convention, 57 congregations, and 7 missionary stations. The number of communicants is 5,000. It contributed during the year to Home Missions the sum of $800, and to the cause of education, $200.

TEXAS SYNOD.

This Synod held its last Convention in the Evangelical Lutheran Church (Rev. I. Traspore), near High Hill, Fayette county, Texas, the second Sunday after Easter. It is composed at present of 26 ministers, which number in the course of the year will be increased by four additional laborers. These have under their care 25 congregations, together with a large number of missionary stations, containing a membership of 3,300 communicants.

The ministers connected with this Synod are laboring most faithfully in the school room and in the church, under circumstances frequently requiring not a little self-denial.

This Synod has, also, for some time past, been engaged in the establishment of a German and English College, and hopes to be able to open the same this Autumn. It earnestly asks for aid in order to employ a travelling missionary, whose appointment is considered as being absolutely and indispensably necessary.

THE INDIANA SYNOD.

This young Synod, which was organized three years ago with eight pastors and twenty-three congregations, now numbers sixteen pastors and thirty-eight congregations.

It can hardly be expected that such remarkable progress will be repeated in the next three years to come, yet the whole territory is an important mission field. At the session of the Synod in June, one young man was ordained to the office of the Christian ministry, and two

more were ordained at the annual Convention in September. All of these young men have charges. Two new congregations have been organized; two other new congregations were received at the September meeting. The Synod supports one general missionary and assists one mission charge. It supports a student in Thiel College.

G. A. Wenzel, E. J. Schmauck,
J. Ehrhart, J. A. Enander,
E. Carlson, W. H. Staake.

The report was received.

Under the second item, the action of the New York Ministerium in regard to the German Church Book, was referred to the German Church Book Committee.

Under the third item, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a *certificate of ordination* for the use of the District Synods.

On motion, the Committee on the Constitution for Synods was appointed to prepare this form.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of District Synods was then adopted as a whole.

New York Immigrant Mission.

The consideration of the report of the committee on this mission was resumed. It was adopted by items and as a whole, as follows:

Report of the Committee.

The Committee appointed by the General Council for the Immigrant Mission at New York has the honor to report, that their missionary has faithfully and energetically continued his labors under manifold difficulties, such as cannot be differently expected in a position like his. Rev. Mr. Neumann will himself submit a more detailed report to the honorable General Council.

In the sessions of your committee the question was raised, whether it would be feasible to enter into closer connection with the Emigrant House Association, in order to bring about, if possible, a brotherly cooperation. A committee, consisting of Rev. C. F. Haussmann and Messrs. J. H. Boschen, J. D. Heissenbuttel and C. J. Nehrbas was appointed on the 27th of April last past for this purpose, to confer with a similar committee in relation to this subject. Our sub-committee aforesaid reported on June 1st as the result of the conference, that the other

committee wanted Rev. Neumann to send the immigrants to the Emi grant House, and all other matters would, of their own accord, arrange themselves in consequence.

On the 15th of June last, a *Protest* appeared in the "*Lutheraner*," in the name and by authority of the Immigrant Mission Committee of the Missouri Synod, in which protest the same charges were brought against our missionary which had been laid before your committee of last year, and by the latter decided in favor of Rev. Neumann. In order, however, to afford the Missouri committee every opportunity to substantiate their charges, a resolution was passed by your committee on the 30th of July last past, to the effect that the committee of the Missouri Synod be invited to bring the necessary witnesses before our committee, in order, if possible, to convince the Missouri committee of the correctness of the decision of your committee of last year. The investigation commenced on the 30th of September last, but the Missouri committee failed to produce the necessary witnesses. The session was therefore postponed till November next.

On July 30th your committee resolved that, if they would not succeed in raising the sum of $2,500 for the salary of their missionary, he must accept $2,000 as his yearly compensation. Rev. Neumann accepted this proposition.

The Treasurer's report is also submitted herewith.

In order to avoid all unnecessary collision in this field of labor, the relation in which the Immigrant Mission stands towards the Emigrant House must be precisely stated and fixed at the present session of the General Council. The Council resolved at its session at Lancaster, O. (Nov. 3–9, 1870), to employ its utmost energy in the upbuilding of an Immigrant Mission in the interest of our church, and declared that it could not take charge of the Emigrant House, and that it be given to an Executive Committee, to be by them so carried on, that the institution may be forever secured to the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Inasmuch as the Emigrant House possesses a Christian layman as business manager, for its economical conduct, the missionary of our Immigrant Mission, whoever he may be, might obviously attend to all the ministerial duties in the Emigrant House, such as service on the Sabbath, advice and counsel to the individual, &c. Two missionaries are clearly too many.

Your committee, therefore, begs leave to present these two questions:

1. Does the Emigrant House Association emanate from the General Council, so that the latter has charged the former with the execution of their work?

2. If yea, we further ask, is it necessary that two committees exist, and two missionaries be engaged for one and the same work?

Most respectfully submitted by the Committee,

J. EHRHART, *Prest.*, JOHN H. BOSCHEN, *Treas.*,
S. K. BROBST, J. D. HEISSENBUTTEL,
G. EWH, J. G. H. AHRENS,
C. F. HAUSSMANN, C. J. NEHRBAS, *Secy.*

NEW YORK, Oct. 9th, 1874.

As an answer to the question contained in the last item of the report, in which the committee ask the Council to determine the relations of the Immigrant Mission to the Emigrant House Association, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee on the Immigrant Mission be instructed to require the missionary appointed by them to co-operate cordially with the managers of the Emigrant House, and to send all immigrants needing lodging to said Emigrant House.

The report of the Treasurer of the Mission was read, and referred to an auditing committee consisting of Messrs. Geo. H. Moeller and Peter P. Keller, who subsequently presented it as follows :

Report of Treasurer of New York Immigrant Mission.

1873.		Money Received.	
Oct.	1	Balance of cash	$ 855 99
Nov.	24	J. J. Sauer, Wisconsin	1 00
"	26	Various donations	229 27
Dec.	3	S. K. Brobst & Co., from readers of *Zeitschrift*	76 50
"	26	Per Rev. Charles L. Eberhardt, Michigan	5 00
1874.			
Jan.	9	E. Wilhelm Siegert, Milwaukee	50 00
		Erie R. R., for November, 1873	154 50
		Various donations	77 70
"	12	Rev. H. Klingman, Michigan	35 00
"	23	Matthew Gross, Fischer's Ferry, Northumberland Co., Pa	14 00
"	24	From Woodville, Ohio	1 00
Feb.	9	Rev. H. Klingman, Michigan	5 00
"	16	Per R. Neuman, from B. F. Trexler	300 00
		Erie R. R.	3 75
		Various donations	63 30
Mar.	31	H. Ganguess, Sebewaing, Huron Co., Mich.	3 00
April	1	F. von Rosenberg	30 00
		Various donations	46 78
May	21	Per Consul Lemus, from Berlin society	65 00
		Wm. Ernst Weigel, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio	25 00
		Various donations	52 00
July	6	From A. Wetzel, Treasurer Evan. Luth. Ministerium, N. Y.	282 00
"	30	S. K. Brobst & Co.	79 95
Sept.	19	From R. Neuman	58 06
Oct.	3	A. T. Geissenhainer, Treasurer Pennsylvania Synod	50 00
			$2,563 80
		Balance	$ 50 00

1873.		Money Paid.	
Oct.	30	T. W. Abbott, office rent, No. 7 Broadway, for November.....	$ 25 00
Nov.	26	Rev. Neuman, one quarter's salary to 1st inst.....	625 00
		R. Neuman, for mission.....	80 10
Dec.	1	T. W. Abbott, one month's office rent.....	25 00
Jan.	3	" " " "	25 00
"	9	On acc't. one quarter's salary to Feb. 1, 1874, to R. Neuman,	199 05
		R. Neuman, for mission, Nov. 22, 1873, to Jan. 3, 1874... ..	56 15
		" " for the poor.....	27 00
Feb.	2	T. W. Abbott, this month's office rent.....	25 00
"	16	R. Neuman, one quarter's salary to 1st instant, in full.....	425 95
"	27	T. W. Abbott, one month office rent, for March.....	25 00
April	1	" " " " " April.....	25 00
May	1	" " " " " May.....	25 00
"	21	Wages to Mr. Jenichan, missionary assistant	56 00
"	21	R. Neuman, various expenses.....	26 19
"	21	R. Neuman, one quarter's salary to 1st inst.....	625 00
June	2	T. W Abbott, this month's office rent.....	25 00
"	12	Advertising three months in New York *Abend Zeitung*.....	9 00
July	1	T. W. Abbott, this month's office rent.....	25 00
Aug.	1	" " " "	25 00
Sept.	1	" " " "	25 00
"	19	R. Neuman, on acc't. one quarter's salary, due Aug. 1, 1874,.	84 36
Oct.	1	T. W. Abbott, this month's office rent.....	25 00
		To balance.....	50 00
			$2,563 80

JOHN H. BOSCHEN,
Treasurer C. G. E. Mission.

Examined and found correct.

GEO. H. MÖLLER,
PETER P. KELLER,
Auditing Committee.

The Council then proceeded to elect the Committee on the Immigrant Mission for this year. Rev. H. Grahn and Col. D. M. Armor were appointed tellers, who reported the following persons elected:

Committee on the New York Immigrant Mission.

Revs. J. Ehrhart, J. Ruperti, J. G. Princell, and A. E. Fry and Messrs. John Moeller, C. Hauselt, C. Belmar and C. J. Nehrbas.

Accounts of the Treasurer of the Council.

The report of S. Gross Fry, Esq., Treasurer of the Council, which was received at a previous session and referred to the Auditing Committee, was here presented by that committee, together with their report upon it. It is as follows:

S. GROSS FRY, *Treasurer, in account with the General Council of Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.*

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Gross amount received for year ending October 15, 1874	$3,098 50
do. expended	4,008 96
Excess of expenditures over receipts	$ 910 46
Deducted from balance on hand October, 1873	2,269 50
Leaves balance in Treasury, October, 1874	$1,359 04

The amounts received were from the following Synods:

Pennsylvania Synod	$1,375 00
New York Ministerium	650 00
Pittsburgh Synod	280 00
Michigan Synod	205 00
Swedish Augustana Synod	175 20
Norwegian Augustana Synod	173 00
Canada Synod	137 35
Iowa Synod	65 00
Texas Synod	32 95
Synod of Virginia (Rev. Eichelberger,)	5 00
	$3,098 50

GENERAL FUND.

Gross amount received during the year	$ 251 00
Gross amount expended during the year	624 24
Excess of expenditures over receipts	$ 373 24
Deducted from balance on hand October, 1873	457 53
Leaves balance in Treasury, October, 1874	$ 84 29

The contributions to the General Fund for the year ending October 15, 1874, were received from the following Synods:

Pittsburgh Synod for 1871 and 1872	$ 207 50
Michigan Synod	25 00
Indiana Synod	18 50
Total	$ 251 00

Respectfully submitted,

S. GROSS FRY, *Treasurer.*

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 15, 1874.

Auditing Committee's Report.

The Committee to whom was referred the Accounts of the Treasurer, beg to report that his books and vouchers have been examined and found correct.

We feel it due to ourselves, and deem it important to the General Council, to call attention to the fact—

1. That the contributions for Foreign Missions have fallen off considerably during the past year. At a time when the wants of the

mission field demand increased appropriations, it is to be lamented that the income has decreased nearly $800 below that of the previous year.

This matter should be commended anew to the attention of the Synods in connection with the General Council, and they be urged to contribute their full quota to the support of the missionaries in the foreign field, and to the extension of the missionary operations of the church.

2. We feel constrained to call attention (as the Treasurer himself has done) to the very meagre amounts contributed during the past year to the General Expense Fund.

But $250, against $500 of the previous year, have been received. We particularly miss in the Treasurer's account the contributions of the Pennsylvania and New York Ministeriums, but have, instead, an appropriation by the Pittsburgh Synod to cover the years 1871 and 1872. For several years past but three Synods have aided at all to meet these general expenses, whereas all that have any connection with the General Council should contribute their quota towards them.

In consequence of this, the expense of printing the Minutes of last year is still largely nnpaid; there is no money to pnblish the History of Father Heyer's Life and Missionary Labors, as was ordered at the last session, and the Treasurer is unable to provide other necessary funds from time to time.

We have no resolution to offer on this subject, deeming it best simply to bring the matter anew to the attention of the Council, in hope that the representatives of Synods here present, will themselves take the necessary steps to provide a remedy.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis L. Houpt,
Geo. H. Möller,
Dr. A. Lange,
H. Vandersmissen.

Jamestown, N. Y., Oct. 19, 1874.

Received and adopted.

On motion, the officers were instructed to draw an order on Lewis L. Houpt, Esq., Treasurer *pro tem.*, for one-half of the travelling expenses of the delegate from the Texas Synod, in accordance with the action taken at the last Convention. (See Minutes of 1873, p. 58.)

Thanks.

Resolved, That Dr. Hasselquist be appointed to return the sincere thanks of this body, at the service this evening, to the pastor and congregation in whose church we have met, and to the citizens

of this community, for the generous hospitality which they have extended to the delegates and visitors to this Convention; and that this resolution be published in the papers.

The thanks of the Council were also, on motion, returned to the reporters and the press, for the accuracy and fullness of their published reports; and also, to the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, for the favor of reduced fare extended to delegates and visitors travelling over their road.

The Rev. R. Neuman was excused from further attendance.

Adjourned to meet this evening at 7½ o'clock. Prayer by Rev. C. W. Hoppe.

Tenth Session.

TUESDAY, October 20, 7½ P. M.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. R. Jaeggli.

The minutes were read and approved.

Chicago Theological Seminary.

Dr. Passavant presented the following

Report of the Board of Directors.

The members of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Theological Seminary present at this Convention of the General Council, met in the Swedish Lutheran Church, Jamestown, N. Y., on the 20th of October, 1874, and were organized as a Board, by calling Rev. Dr. Hasselquist to the chair, and Rev. E. Carlson as Secretary.

The Rev. Dr. Passavant presented the deeds of the site for the Theological Seminary, duly examined and approved by E. B. McCagg, Esq., of Chicago, as provided for by a resolution of the Board, at its Convention in Erie, and on motion, the Secretary was instructed to have them recorded in the Records of Cook county, Ill.

Owing to the fact that shortly after our last meeting at Erie, the official declinature of Rev. Prof. Jacobs, as the English Theological Professor in the Chicago Seminary, was communicated to us, no steps could be taken by the Board either to make collections or to prepare for the opening of the Seminary. Under the painful disappointment which followed this declinature, the Board could only very unwillingly defer all action until after this Convention of the General Council.

Attest: E. CARLSON,
Secretary.

Received and adopted.

The letter of the Rev. Prof. Jacobs, declining the call to the professorship tendered him in the proposed Theological Seminary at Chicago, was read, whereupon it was

Resolved, That having heard the letter of Rev. Prof. Jacobs, declining the professorship to which he was elected in the Chicago Theological Seminary, in view of all the circumstances of the case, action upon the acceptance of his resignation be deferred until our next annual Convention.

Mr. Peter P. Keller presented the following

Report of the Trustees of the General Council.

The regular annual meeting of the Trustees of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America, was held in Jamestown, October 19th, 1874, in the Swedish Lutheran Church. Present: Rev. C. P. Krauth, D. D., chairman, Revs. W. A. Passavant, D. D., T. N. Hasselquist, D. D., Geo. H. Möller and Peter P. Keller.

The matter for consideration was the required change of the title of the corporation, which was again referred to S. Gross Fry, Esq.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. C. P. Krauth, D. D., chairman, S. Gross Fry, Treasurer, and Peter P. Keller, Secretary.

PETER P. KELLER, *Secretary.*

Received and adopted.

Trustees Elected.

The following Trustees, viz., Revs. C. W. Schaeffer, W. A. Passavant and T. N. Hasselquist, whose term of service expires with this year, were re-elected to serve for three years.

Minutes.

The Secretaries were instructed to have one thousand copies of the Minutes printed in German and in English. It was also

Resolved, That the delegation of the Swedish Augustana Synod be authorized to translate and publish such parts of the Minutes, and in such manner as they may deem desirable; and that the cost of such publication be deducted from the contribution of that Synod to the General Fund of the Council.

Theses on Justification by Faith.

On motion, the Theses on Justification by Faith were commended to the attention of the next Convention of the Council.

Delegate from the Texas Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That one-half the travelling expenses of the delegate from the Texas Synod to the next Convention be paid out of the General Fund.

The Minutes of this session were read and approved, and the Convention adjourned.

Closing Exercises.

The delegates repaired to the audience chamber of the church, where, after their thanks had been returned to the congregation there assembled, by Dr. Hasselquist, in the Swedish, and the President, in the English language, for the kindness with which they had been received and entertained, they engaged in the closing service, in which the congregation also joined. The President conducted the service, using the Litany, the Lord's Prayer and Litany Collects; after which, part of Luther's Hymn, "Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott," was sung, and the Benediction pronounced.

SAMUEL LAIRD,

English Recording Secretary of the Council.

Statistics of the District Synods.

SYNODS.	Organized.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Time and Place of Next Meeting.
1 Ministerium of Pennsylvania	1748	178	344	71,785	Norristown, Pa., Trinity Sunday, 1875.
2 Ministerium of New York	1787	73	70	24,148	New York City, June 2, 1875.
3 Pittsburgh Synod	1845	57	128	9,858	St. Petersburg, Pa., August 25, 1875.
4 District Synod of Ohio	1857	26	62	6,109	Werstler's Church, Stark Co., Ohio, Aug. 12, 1875.
5 Michigan Synod	1858	25	31	3,700	Adrian, Michigan, October 10, 1875.
6 Augustana Synod (Swedish)	1860	93	211	30,127	Vasa, Goodhue Co., Min., Jun. 19,'75.
7 Canada Synod	1861	22	57	5,000	Sebastopol, Ontario, June 23, 1875.
8 Texas Synod	1851	26	25	3,200	Quihi, Medina Co., Tex., Apr. 18, '75.
9 Indiana Synod	1871	16	38	1,847	St. James's Church, Montgomery Co., Ia., Sept. 10, 1875.
10 Holston Synod	1861	13	30	2,500	Salem Ch., Cook Co., Tenn., Sept. 4,'75.
1 German Synod of Iowa	1854	117	195	12,900	Madison, Wis., 1st week after Trinity Sunday, 1875.
2 Norwegian-Danish Augustana Synod	1860	14	40	6,000	Calmar, Iowa, June 6, 1875.
		660	1,231	177,174	

MINUTES

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MINUTES.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Galesburg, Ill., Oct. 7, A D. 1875.

The Ninth Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church was held in the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church at Galesburg, Ill., Rev. S. P. A. Lindahl, Pastor, commencing Thursday, October 7, A. D. 1875. The sessions were opened at 10 o'clock, A. M., with Divine service, when the annual sermon was preached by the President, the Rev. C. P. Krauth, D. D., LL. D., from the 48th Psalm, and the Holy Communion administered.

First Session.

Thursday, Oct. 7., 2 P. M.

The first business session was opened with singing and prayer, led by the President.

As the roll of Synods was called, the certificates of the delegates were handed in and their names entered upon the

ROLL OF THE COUNCIL

I. German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States.

MINISTERS.	LAYMEN.
Rev. E. Greenwald, D. D.,	Mr. L. L. Houpt.
" B. M. Schmucker, D. D.,	" J. Reichard,
" C. P. Krauth, D. D.,	" B. F. Saylor,
" A Spaeth, D. D.,	" S. Gerhard,
" E. Belfour,	" A. W. Potteiger,
" F. J. F. Schantz,	" L. H. Liess.
" W. A. Schaeffer.	

II. Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York and Adjacent States and Countries.

Rev. C. H. Thomsen,
" J. Ruperti, D. D.,
" A. E. Frey,
" P. Krug.
Mr. F. Schack,
" W. Hauff,
" W. A. Schmitthenner,
" Peter P. Keller.

III. Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. S. Laird,
" W. A. Passavant, D. D.,
" G. A. Wenzel.
" D. M. Kemerer,
" V. B. Christy,
" W. F. Ulery.
Mr. C. Saeger.

IV. Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio.

Rev. G. W. Mechling,
" J. F. Fahs,
" J. P. Hentz.

V. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Michigan and other States.

Rev. S. Klingman, *a. e.*

VI. Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod. (Swedish.)

Rev. E. Norelius,
" T. N. Hasselquist. D. D.,
" H. Reck,
" E. Carlson,
" S. P. A. Lindahl,
" A. Andreen,
" H. Olson,
" C. A. Evald,
" J. Telleen.
Mr. J. A. Enander,
" N. Nilson,
" Akey Themanson,
" G. Johnson,
" A. Anderson,
" P. A. Falk.

VII. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada.

Rev. J. Fishburn.

VIII. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas.

Rev. R. Jaeggli, *a. e.*

IX. Indiana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. S. Wagenhals,
" J. Wesner.
Mr. C. Sappenfield.

a. e. Absent and excused.

X. Holston Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. J. Hancher, *a. e.*

With Privilege of Debate.

I. German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa.

Rev. S. Fritschel,
" G. Fritschel.

II. Norwegian-Danish Augustana Synod.

Rev. O. Hatlestad. Mr. A. A. Klove.

Other Clergymen Present.

The names of the following visiting clergymen " who are with this body in the unity of the faith as defined in its Fundamental Principles," were given to the Secretaries :

Rev. O. Andrewson,
" P. M. Sannquist,
" J. S. Benson,
" C. Walleen,
Rev. S. F. Westerdahl,
" N. Aldrich,
" C. B. Jacobson,
" C. O. Lindell.

The President read the following report :

President's Report.

Beloved Brethren :

I. CASTLE GARDEN MISSION.

In December, 1874, several letters were sent me in relation to the Immigrant Mission at Castle Garden, connected with the resolutions of the Council, the refusal of Mr. Neumann to comply with them, and his subsequent resignation. Rev. J. Ehrhart wrote November 23, resigning his place as a member of the Committee. (Doc. I.)

II. INVITATION TO MEET AT BETHLEHEM.

A letter dated September 7, 1875, was received from the Vestry of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, giving a cordial invitation to the General Council to hold its next meeting in that church. (Doc. II.)

III. SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.

Rev. Mr. Klingman wrote September 29, desiring that the absence of the delegates from his Synod from the earlier sessions of this body in consequence of the impossibility, for special reasons, of holding their Synod earlier, be excused. (Doc. III.)

IV. HOLSTON SYNOD.

Rev. J. K. Hancher writes October 4, enclosing his credentials as delegate from the Holston Synod to the General Council, and giving a statement of the reason of his inability to meet with us. (Doc. IV.)

C. P. KRAUTH, *President.*

The Council then proceeded to *elect officers* for the ensuing year. Rev. S. Wagenhals and B. F. Saylor were appointed tellers.

It was resolved to hold the business sessions from 9 to 12 o'clock in the morning, and from 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Report of the President and accompanying documents, and the minutes of the last Convention, were, on motion, referred to Committees.

The roll of Synods was called, and their minutes were handed in; and on motion, those delegations whose Synodical Minutes have not been printed, were requested to prepare a synopsis of the proceedings of their last Convention, and these documents were ordered to be referred to a Committee, to consist of one member from each Synod.

Dr. Ruperti gave notice that he would submit propositions for the consideration of the Council, upon the following subjects, viz.: *Pulpit Fellowship, Altar Fellowship,* and *The Relation of Synods and Congregations.*

The Rev. J. Telleen announced that he would ask the Council to define the position it takes in reference to *Sunday Schools,* and also in reference to *Private Confession and Absolution.*

Mr. W. Hauff gave notice that he would offer the report of the *New York Emigrant House Association.*

The tellers reported the election of the following officers:

President, - - - - -	Rev. C. P. KRAUTH, D. D., LL.D.
German Recording Secretary, -	Rev. C. H. THOMSEN.
English Recording Secretary, -	Rev. SAMUEL LAIRD.
English Corresponding Secretary,	Rev. B. M. SCHMUCKER, D. D.
German Corresponding Secretary,	Rev. G. A. WENZEL.
Swedish Corresponding Secretary,	Rev. E. CARLSON,
Treasurer, - - - - -	JACOB A. GEISSENHAINER, Esq.

Constitution for Congregations.

The report of the Committee appointed to prepare a form of Constitution for Congregations was read and received, together with the following minority report:

The undersigned, while uniting in the presentation of the above report for the consideration of the Council, does not unite in the recommendation of the Committee that it be adopted.

B. M. SCHMUCKER.

The consideration of the report was made the special order for Friday morning.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. P. Krug.

Second Session.

FRIDAY, October 8, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. C. H. Thomsen. The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

The President announced the following Committees:

Committee on President's Report.—Revs. G. W. Mechling, E. Belfour and J. F. Fahs, and Messrs. W. Hauff and C. Sappenfield.

Committee on Minutes of District Synods.—Revs. F. J. F. Schantz, P. Krug, W. F. Ulery, J. P. Hentz, E. Carlson, J. Fishburn, J. Wesner, S. Fritschel and O. J. Hatlestad.

Committee on Minutes of Last Convention.—Revs. S. Wagenhals, A. E. Frey and A. Andreen, and Messrs. B. F. Saylor and W. A. Schmitthenner.

Mr. Peter P. Keller was appointed Treasurer *pro tempore.*

Constitution for Congregations.

The order for the morning, the consideration of the report of the Committee to prepare a Form of Constitution for Congregations, was taken up. The consideration of the Title and Preamble was postponed. The first section of the first article was adopted. Pending the consideration of the second section, adjourned.

Prayer by Dr. Ruperti.

Third Session.

FRIDAY, October 8, 2 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. W. A. Schaeffer. The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

Treasurer's Accounts.

The report of the Treasurer was read and received, and with the accompanying vouchers referred to the following

Auditing Committee: J. Reichard, F. Schack, A. Themanson and C. Saeger.

On motion, the Secretary of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions was instructed to furnish the Secretaries of the Council with a report of the amounts received for Foreign Missions, to be entered on the Minutes.

Colloquium.

Report of the German Corresponding Secretary.

The German Corresponding Secretary respectfully reports, that since the last meeting of the General Council he has received the following document, being the official reply of the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America, to a communication addressed to them in reference to the Colloquium:

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America:

Rev. Body—Through your Corresponding Secretary, Pastor G. A. Wenzel, six resolutions touching the holding of a Colloquium have been officially communicated to the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America.

After mature deliberation, lasting through several sessions, the Synodical Conference came to an agreement on the four following resolutions, viz.:

1. The Synodical Conference cheerfully declares its readiness to participate in the proposed Conference with such Lutherans as unqualifiedly hold to the Augustana, with the view of coming to an understanding.

2. The Synodical Conference, however, at the same time declares itself unable to acknowledge in advance such bodies whose members may participate in such a Conference, as bodies which unqualifiedly accept the Augustana.

3. The Synodical Conference leaves to the reverend General Council the necessary arrangements as to the time and place of holding the proposed Conference.

4. The Synodical Conference suggests that those individuals who attend as participants in the proposed Conference shall themselves determine the manner in which it is to be conducted.

In the name and by the authority of the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference.

W. Lehman, *Prssident of the Conference.*
G. John Grosse, *Sec'y. pro tem.*

Respectfully submitted, G. A. Wenzel.

Report of the English Corresponding Secretary.

The undersigned would respectfully report, that soon after the meeting of the General Council last year, he received a letter from the Secretary of the Tennessee Synod, conveying official information of the Synod accepting the invitation to unite in arranging for the holding of a Colloquium. The Synod has appointed a committee to co-operate with the Committee of this body for that purpose.

As the Chairman of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Correspondence of the General Synod, Rev. Dr. Pohlman, to whom the answer of this body proposing a Colloquium was officially transmitted, died before the recent meeting of the General Synod, the undersigned transmitted to the Secretary of that body a copy of the Minutes containing the action of the General Council, and requesting them to receive it as a correct statement of the action, in case the official copy had not reached the officers of the Synod.

No official information of the action of that body has been received.

Respectfully submitted, B. M. Schmucker.

Both of the above reports were received, and with the reports presented at the last Convention, together with any others which may be presented at this Convention, were referred to a Committee to recommend action upon this subject for this body.

Committee on the Colloquium.

Revs. E. Greenwald, J. Ruperti, W. A. Passavant, G. W. Mechling, E. Norelius, J. Fishburn, S. Wagenhals, S. Fritschel and O. J. Hatlestad, and Messrs. A. W. Potteiger, J. A. Enander, P. P. Keller, C. Saeger and A. A. Klove.

German Church Book.

Report of the Committee.

1. Your Committee have held five meetings during the past year, and have tried to the best of their ability to get the manuscript of the Book ready for the printer before the close of this year.

2. The text of all the hymns has been revised. The number of those which have been definitely admitted into the Book is 572, with 20 concerning which the Committee has not yet come to a decision.

3. The work on the liturgical part of the Book during the past year was chiefly directed to the arrangement, revision, and translation of the *Collects*. Their position, original text, former translations, &c., have been most carefully investigated, and about one-third of them have

been written out in the form in which it is proposed to use them in the Book.

4. As there is a general desire throughout our German congregations to have the text of the Epistles and Gospels of the church year inserted in the Book, your Committee would recommend that this be done, and that the printing out of the hymns be given up, in order to gain the necessary space. In case the Epistles and Gospels are admitted, it is proposed to insert them after the Introit and Collect for each Sunday.

5. The text of the Catechism as adopted by your Committee after a very careful examination of the best authorities, appears for the first time in print in the new German Sunday School Book. Luther's text has been closely adhered to, even where it differs from the text of his Bible-translation, which has been substituted in most of our Catechisms for the old text of Luther's Catechism.

6. Nothing has been done yet for the preparation of an Evening Service. After repeated consideration of this subject, your Committee respectfully ask the Council to empower them to prepare a form of Evening Service on the basis of the old Vesper Service.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Spaeth, *Secretary of Com.*

The report was received and considered by items.

The Committee was authorized to insert the text of the Epistles and Gospels in the Book.

The action of the Committee in restoring the text of Luther in the Catechism was approved.

The Committee was authorized to prepare an order for an Evening Service, on the basis of the old Vesper Services of our Church.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

Pulpit and Altar Fellowship.

The discussion on this subject introduced by Dr. Ruperti occupied the remainder of the session.

Adjourned. Prayer by Dr. Schmucker.

Fourth Session.

Saturday, Oct. 9, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted in the Swedish language by the Rev. E. Norelius.

The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

Mission and Church Extension Society.

The Constitution, Charter and By-laws of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society were submitted to the Convention, and by its order referred to the following

Committee: Revs. B. M. Schmucker, P. Krug, V. B. Christy and J. Fishburn, and Messrs. L. L. Houpt, P. P. Keller and Gustave Johnson.

Constitution for Congregations.

The consideration of the second section of the first article of this document was resumed, and opened a general discussion of the relations of Synods and Congregations, which occupied the entire session.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. H. Reck.

Fifth Session.

SATURDAY, Oct. 9, 2 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Dr. Ruperti.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

German Sunday School Book.

Report of the Committee.

Your Committee respectfully report the following on the progress of this work, during the past year:

The Committee, as enlarged by the resolution of last year, went to work and revised the whole Book, from beginning to end. A number of publishing firms in New York, Philadelphia, Allentown aud Reading were invited to offer their respective proposals concerning the conditions on which tbey would be willing to undertake the publishing of the Book. After an impartial and careful consideration of the terms offered by different parties, the Committee unanimously resolved to accept of the joint proposal offered by S. K. Brobst & Co., Allentown, and Fy. Kohler, Philadelphia, as their propositions were decidedly the most favorable for this Body.

The printing of the Book was commenced without delay and is now so far advanced that it will be finished by the end of next month, and all the Sunday Schools that desire to purchase it for the coming Christmas time, will have an opportunity to do so.

As the work of preparing the Book is now finished, your Committee respectfully request that they be discharged, and that a Standing Committee be appointed to superintend the sale of the Book and the receipt of the stipulated premiums.

Several members of the Committee having incurred expenses in purchasing necessary books and travelling to the meetings of the Committee, we respectfully ask this Body to make provision for the refunding of these expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

A. SPAETH, *Chairman.*

Received for consideration.

The insertion of parts of the Morning Service of the Church Book, in the Book, was approved.

The Committee was discharged, with the thanks of the Council for the work they have done.

The expenses of the Committee were allowed, and ordered to be paid out of the profits of the Book.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

Committee on German Sunday School Book.

The following Committee was appointed to superintend the sale of the work, and the receipt of the premiums, viz.:

Revs. A. Spaeth, B. M. Schmucker, and Mr. J. Endlich.

Treasurer's Accounts.

The Auditing Committee reported back the Treasurer's Report together with their report on the same, as follows:

General Expense Account. S. G. FRY, *Treasurer.*

1874.		DR.	
Oct. 19.	Balance as per Auditing Report		$ 84 29
" 24.	Cash of Prof Hasselquist		50 00
1875.			
Mar. 5.	" Rev. F. Ernst, Burton, Texas		5 00
May 2.	" Pittsburgh Synod		93 33
June 6.	Rev. C. H. Thomsen German Minutes sold		1 40
May 2.	" S. Laird, English "		9 68
Sep. 17.	Rev. S. Klingman. Ann Arbor, Mich		25 00
" "	Rev. A. T. G., Penn'a. Synod		340 00
			$ 608 70

CR.

1874.			
Oct. 25.	Paid	Rev. R. Jaeggli, Texas, expenses	$ 75 40
1875.			
Jan 5.	"	H. Ludwig,	19 16
May 2.	"	Rev. S. Laird, Secretary	28 68
" "	"	Bakewell & Marthens	196 50
Jun. 16.	"	A. Von Lindburg, Ger. Minutes of 1874	181 93
			$ 501 67
		Balance on hand	107 03
			$ 608 70

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 28, 1875.

GALESBURG, ILL., Oct. 9, 1875.

We hereby certify, that we have examined the above account and compared the same with the vouchers furnished, and find a balance of $107.03 on hand, which amount has been delivered to Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D.

JONATHAN REICHARD, CHAS. SAEGER,
FRED. SCHACK, A. THEMANSON.

S. GROSS FRY, *Treasurer Foreign Mission Fund, in account with General Council.*

DR.

1874.			
Oct. 19.		Balance on hand, as per Aud. Report	$1,359 04
" "		Cash of Readers of *Zeitschrift*, &c	100 00
1875.			
Sept. 28.	"	Sundry times of Pennsylvania Synod	1,202 16
"	"	" Rev. S. Klingman, Ann Arbor, Mich	168 45
"	"	" Augustana Synod	253 54
"	"	" Canada Synod	175 44
"	"	Emlenton, Pa., per Catechist	30 00
"	"	Dietrich Bremer, Texas	5 00
"	"	H. Pfenninger, Berlin, Texas	7 00
			$3,300 63
		Amount of Rev. Drs. Schmucker and Fry's account	84 50
			$3,385 13

CR.

By drafts—			
	Jan. 31	$565 72	
	Mar. 20	579 35	
	June 7	585 63	
	Aug. 12	570 00	
	Sept. 20	586 46	
			$2,887 16
	Amount retained by Revs. Schmucker and Fry		84 50
			$2,971 66
	Balance, Sept. 28, 1875		$413 47

GALESBURG, ILL., Oct. 9, 1875.

We hereby certify, that we have examined the above account and compared the same with the vouchers furnished, and find a balance of $413.47 on hand, which amount has been delivered to Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D.

JONATHAN REICHARD, CHAS. SAEGER,
FRED. SCHACK, A. THEMANSON.

Report of Committee on the President's Report.

The President calls attention to—

1. Several letters relating to the refusal of Mr. Neumann, missionary at Castle Garden, to comply with the resolution of this body, requiring him to co-operate with the managers of the Emigrant House, and his consequent resignation; and one from Rev. J. Ehrhart, resigning his place as a member of the Committee.

As the report of the Committee on the Immigrant Mission will fully present the subject to which these letters refer, your Committee has nothing to recommend in regard to them.

2. A letter from Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, Pa., giving a cordial invitation to the General Council to hold its next meeting in that church.

Your Committee recommend that this invitation be considered at the time of choosing a place for the next Convention.

3. A letter from Rev. S. Klingman, President of the Synod of Michigan, desiring that the absence of the delegates of his Synod from the earlier sessions of this Convention, be excused, in consequence of the impossibility, for special reasons, of holding the meeting of their Synod earlier.

Your Committee move that the temporary absence of the delegates of this Synod be excused.

4. A letter from Rev. J. K. Hancher, enclosing his credentials as delegate of the Holston Synod to this body, and stating the reasons of his inability to meet with us.

Whilst we deeply regret that this brother cannot be present with us, we recommend that his absence be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Mechling, C. W. Sappenfield,
Edmund Belfour, W. Hauff.
J. F. Fahs,

The report was received, the recommendations in it adopted, and the report adopted as a whole.

New York Immigrant Mission.

The business pertaining to the New York Immigrant Mission was made the order for Monday afternoon.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Convention.

Your Committee would respectfully direct attention to the following items:

1. Page 8. Has the "History of the Mission Work of Father Heyer" been completed?

2. Page 9. Has the German Catechism been published, and the Analysis of Luther's Small Catechism been completed?

3. Page 15. Have plans for "Relief Associations" been prepared?

4. Page 33. Has the resolution of the General Council (Minutes 1873, page 49,) touching contributions for Home Missions, been brought to the notice of the District Synods by the Vice Presidents of this body?

5. Page 33. Have special appeals been made to the churches for means to aid in carrying on the work of Home Missions?

6. Page 42. Have additional missionaries been sent out by the Foreign Mission Committee?

7. Page 43. Has a Charter, Constitution and By-Laws for the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society been prepared?

8. Page 43. What has been done by the Committee on Sunday School Question Books and Lesson Leaves?

9. Page 47. Has a certificate of ordination for the use of District Synods been prepared?

10. Page 54. What action shall be taken with reference to a Professor for the Chicago Theological Seminary?

11. Page 54. Has the required change in the corporate title of the General Council been secured?

S. Wagenhals, B. F. Saylor,
A. E. Frey, W. A. Schmitthenner.
A. Andreen,

The following answers were given to the questions contained in the several items:

Account of Father Heyer's Mission Work.

1. Page 8. The book has not yet been completed—retarded by reason of failure to make the necessary arrangements for publication.

Catechism.

2. Page 9. Prof. Spaeth reported that nothing had been done on the German edition, and nothing further on the Analysis. The same Committee was continued, with the instructions heretofore given.

3. Page 15. Report to be presented.

4. Page 33, and 5. page 33. Postponed until Home Mission report is presented.

6. Page 42. Postponed until Foreign Mission report is presented.

7. Page 43. *The Charter, Constitution and By-Laws of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society* have been prepared, printed and submitted to the Convention, and are now in the hands of a Committee.

8. Page 43. Report to be presented.

9. Page 47. *Certificate of Ordination* not yet prepared. The Committee asked for further time.

10. Page 54. Postponed until the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Chicago is rendered.

Change in Title of General Council.

11. Page 54. It was reported that the proposed change in the corporate title had not been secured, and legal counsel advised that the title of the Council in its Constitution be changed, so as to make it agree with that in the Charter, whereupon, by a unanimous vote, it was

Resolved, That the name of the General Council given in its Constitution be so changed as to make it agree with the form given in the Charter.

The Vice Presidents were instructed to direct the attention of their respective Synods to this amendment of the Constitution, and report their action on it at the next Convention.*

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of the last Convention was then adopted as a whole.

Orders for Ministerial Acts.

Progress was reported in the preparation of these Orders, and on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committees on the English Church Book and on the German Church Book, be merged into a common Committee, for the preparation of what yet remains to complete these two books.

Place and Time of Next Convention.

The Council then proceded to determine the place and time of

* If this change in the Constitution is adopted by the District Synods, the title in the Constitution will be *General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America,* instead of *General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

the next Convention. A ballot was taken for the place, Rev. J. F. Fahs and S. Gerhard acting as tellers, who reported that from the several invitations given, Bethlehem, Penn'a., had been chosen. The second Thursday in October, 1876, was appointed as the time of meeting.

Pulpit and Altar Fellowship.

The paper introduced by Dr. Ruperti on this subject was taken up for discussion, which continued until the close of the session.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. F. Ulery.

Sixth Session.

MONDAY, Oct. 11, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. J. Wesner.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

On motion, it was ordered that the remaining sessions of the Council be opened simply with prayer.

The report of the Executive Committee on *Foreign Missions* was made the second order for this afternoon.

Pulpit and Altar Fellowship.

The consideration of this subject was resumed, and after discussion the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the General Council expresses its sincere gratification at the progress of a true Lutheran practice in the different Synods, since its action on communion and exchange of pulpits with those not of our Church, as well as at the clear testimony in reference to these subjects, officially expressed by the Augustana Synod, at its Convention in 1875; nevertheless we hereby renewedly call the attention of our pastors and churches to the principles involved in that testimony, in the earnest hope that our practice may be conformed to our united and deliberate testimony on this subject, viz., the rule, which accords with the word of God and with the confessions of our Church, is: "Lutheran pulpits for Lutheran ministers only—Lutheran altars for Lutheran communicants only." *

* The Theses on Mixed Communion adopted by the Augustana Synod, are found in the report of the Committee on Minutes of District Synods. *q. v.*

Colloquium.

The report of the Committee on this matter was read and received.

Pending its consideration, adjourned. Prayer by Rev. A. Spaeth.

Seventh Session.

MONDAY, Oct. 11, 2 P. M.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. S. Fritschel.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

New York Immigrant Mission.

Report of the Committee.

The General Council at its last session at Jamestown (*vide* Minutes 1874, page 49) resolved, that the Committee on the Immigrant Mission be instructed to require the Missionary appointed by them to cooperate cordially with the Managers of the Emigrant House, and to send all immigrants needing lodging to said Emigrant House.

The Hon. General Council thereby set a difficult task for your Committee, so much the more so, inasmuch as the Immigrant Mission was burdened with a debt of $1,000, caused by the high salary given the missionary by former Committees ($2,500 to July 30, 1874).

The Rev. Mr. Neumann believed that the foregoing resolution intended to reduce him to be a mere "runner" for the Emigrant House. Your Committee therefore officially informed him, that the spirit of your resolution only required him to do that which he had heretofore done, but in another direction, namely, to send such immigrants as might apply to him for lodging to the Emigrant House, instead of to the "Bairischen Hof," or elsewhere.

Your Committee passed the following resolutions:

1. That the missionary be not permitted to leave his post for any length of time, without a formal resolution of the Committee, made known to him by their president.

2. That the salary of the missionary be made up of the various donations flowing into the treasury; but the same shall not exceed at present the maximum of $1,500.

3. That the missionary be instructed to demand and receive all *legal* commissions from railroad and steamship companies, and to turn the same over to the Treasurer.

4. That the missionary carry out the resolution passed by the General Council, with regard to the Emigrant House.

Your Committee repeatedly informed the Rev. Mr. Neumann tha the first three resolutions might, if required by circumstances, be amended or rescinded, *and that they should only be forced to insist on the execution of the resolution of the General Council.*

But, since the Rev. Mr. Neumann, after repeated consultations and brotherly explanations, answered our question, whether he would carry out the resolution of the General Council, put to him in the two sessions of November 20 and 24, 1874, by saying " He could give no unconditional 'yes' thereto," your Committee was, to their regret, put to the necessity of considering this declaration of their missionary as his resignation, and to accept the same as such. Rev. Mr. Neumann was officially informed of this action by the secretary of your Committee by letter of December 4, 1874. How little it is to be regretted that your Committee demitted Rev. Mr. Neumann, appears from this year's proceedings of the Synod of the State of New York.

Shortly thereafter there appeared an article by Rev. Mr. Neumann in the *Kirchenfreund*, the organ of the General Synod, wherein the General Council and your Committee were severely criticised. Concerning the appointment of a new Committee by the General Council, Rev. Mr. Neumann says: " The good men of the former committee were too well acquainted with matters. They were therefore left out, and other men appointed, who, by reason of their ignorance of matters in this work, were prepared to hazard anything." As regards his criticism on your Committee, he published an " Explanation " in the *Lutherische Herold* of the 14th of January, 1875; (*vide* also N.'s article in the *Lutheran Herold* of January 28, 1875.) The members of your Committee belonging to the New York Ministerium preferred, under date of February 25, 1875, a complaint against the Rev. Mr. Neumann, alleging untruthfulness and libel, and presented the same to the Hon. Ministerium of the State of New York and adjacent States and Countries. The charges were first referred to the District Conference, and by that body given to a committee for investigation, who, on June 7, 1875, submitted their report to the Ministerium of the State of New York and adjacent States and Countries. Thereupon the New York Synod entered upon the discussion of the report of the Investigating Committee. The proceedings may be found recorded in the printed minutes of the New York Synod of this year, pp. 72-86 (in the German edition), to which your Committee respectfully beg leave to refer. At the conclusion of the discussion Rev. Mr. Neumann handed in the fol-

lowing written declaration, in the afternoon's session of the 8th of June, 1875:

"I hereby retract the article which appeared in the *Kirchenfreund*, and on which the charges were grounded, and declare that I exceedingly regret having published the same. ROB. N."

With this, it was supposed that the matter was terminated. Nevertheless, on the following morning, June 9, a letter of Rev. Mr. N. was presented, wherein he formally protested before God, all the Holy Angels and the entire Christendom, against having uttered any wilful untruth (*vide* Proceedings New York Synod, p. 89); and in the afternoon of the same 9th of June Rev. Mr. Neumann appeared before the New York Synod and declared, that he then and there formally withdrew from the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York and adjacent States and Countries. The New York Ministerium thereupon, in consequence, ordered that his name be stricken from the roll of the pastors (p. 95). Rev. Mr. Neumann could obtain from the New York Ministerium no honorable discharge.

Your Committee, by the resolution of the General Council, was obliged to act in a decisive manner, inasmuch as the unpleasant relation of Rev. Mr. Neumann toward the Lutheran Emigrant House has already given our Church too much trouble.

Your Committee in the interim appointed Rev. W. Berkemeier as the missionary of the Immigrant Mission. He has undertaken the work up to the present time without asking any remuneration. Your Committee would therefore urge it upon the General Council to give him a salary, and to compensate him for his services thus far rendered.

The report of the Treasurer is herewith submitted, as also the report of the Missionary, the Rev. W. Berkemeier.

Your Committee have become convinced that the Immigrant Mission ought to be conducted solely in connection with the Emigrant House, and we therefore respectfully submit the request, that this be formally resolved upon by your body. At our request the Emigrant House Association has submitted the proposition to your Committee, to conduct our Mission in the manner above stated; and that in order to avoid a conflict with the charter of that corporation, they propose that the members of their Mission Committee, consisting of eight in number, be accepted as such Immigrant Committee, and that all vacancies occurring therein, be filled from among sixteen persons to be designated by the General Council.

We beg leave to inform your body of the aforesaid proposition of

the Emigrant House Association, and recommend its adoption by the Council. Respectfully submitted,

J. EHRHART, *Chm'n.*, CHAS. J. NEHRBAS, *Sec'y.*,
JOHAN MOLLER, *Treas.*, J. RUPERTI,
C. BELLMER, AUGUST EMIL FREY.

Annual Report of Rev. W. Berkemeier, Immigrant Missionary.

In addition to the yearly report from the Emigrantenhaus, the undersigned begs leave to submit the following details relating particularly to the Immigrant Mission.

DIVINE SERVICES

have been conducted during the entire year in the following manner: On Sunday morning service was held from 10 to 12 o'clock in the Swedish language, under the direction of Missionary Sward, who collected a small number of his countrymen living in the lower part of the city, and immigants arriving from time to time, and preached to them the Word of God. The number of attendants usually was from 20 to 30.

On Sunday evening divine service was held, in the German language, from 7½ to 9 o'clock, which was conducted in the usual German Lutheran manner. In addition to persons from the neighborhood, it was attended rarely by less than 25, often by more than 50, and sometimes by more than 100 immigrants.

Service was also held daily in the morning and evening, which consisted of singing, reading the Bible and prayer. In addition to this, a short salutation service was held at each arrival of immigrants, and whenever large parties took leave of the house, a separate service was held with them.

The chapel, with the devotions held therein day by day, certainly is the most important part of our mission. To be greeted immediately on arriving with the well-known old country hymns and with the exhortations and consolations of the Word of God, is a great blessing to a pious heart, and it is certainly not without a beneficial effect on others. We are in receipt of a number of letters in which heartfelt thanks are expressed for the blessings of the Word of God, received in our house.

The Immigrant Mission, which is intended to influence the *mass* of pilgrims, cannot work without the chapel. It is obvious, that in many cases, personal exhortations with single pilgrims is required. Daily the office of the missionary was visited by persons whose hearts having been softened by their arrival in a strange country, disclosed their

cares and troubles, while their faces almost expressed the question, "If you have any consolation for me, give it to me, I am badly in need thereof." We also had with us a number of lost sons (generally from good families), who were sent by their parents, and many times announced by the words, "He must suffer in a strange land for his evil doings, but we trust that under your guidance he will not fall into bad hands, and that he will be able by your aid to find an honest living." With young men of this class we have much trouble.

Our *house library* serves also as an assistance to the missionary work. It has grown to 150 volumes, which are eagerly read by those who remain in our house for several days.

Religious papers, such as the Herold, Lutheraner, Volksblatt, Hausfreund, Gemeindeblatt, Sonntagsgast, Abendschule, Pilger, Missionsblatt, Lutheran and Missionary, Philadelphia Kirchenfreund, all in the Lutheran spirit, find their way to our house regularly, and are read with great interest. In addition thereto, we have received numbers of New Testaments and tracts—the former from the Bible Society and the latter from Pastor Bodemann, in Finkenwerder, Hanover, for distribution among the immigrants. By these means the opportunities for disseminating the Word of God amongst all who pass through our house, have been employed to the best advantage.

Our field of labor, however, is intended to be also in

CASTLE GARDEN.

We regret to say that this is a place hardly suitable for our missionary work. In the mixture of different confessions, in the general confusion of looking after trunks, chests and other effects, in the ring of the ticket agents and money brokers, in the political influence which is felt at every step, in the turmoil of the runners who look for their prey, we are able to catch but very little in our missionary net. It appears to be a misnomer to term the Lutheran Immigrant Mission nothing but Castle Garden Mission, as has been the custom with many. I have visited Castle Garden, however, on the arrival of every vessel, received such pilgrims as had been directed to us, distributed tracts and Lutheran papers, and given advice and consolation as far as possible. With those who *came to our Emigrant House on the other hand,* we had a much more favorable opportunity for our missionary work, as already stated. During the past year 2,441 persons took lodging in our house, and all these came more or less in contact with our mission. We always have a number of intelligent persons in our house, such as German and Swedish clergymen and candidates travelling out o r in. All missionary students sent to this country from Hermansburg, Neuendet-

lesau, Berlin, Melseungen, Basel and Barmen, have been directed to us during the past year.

We considered the visit of our brethren from the south of Russia of special importance. It would be well if our Church could give more attention to these people. They arrive generally like the Mennonites in companies of from 20 to 50 families, and take their course to the States of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Dacotah and Arkansas. On account of the sensationalism prevailing among them, there is great danger that they may fall into the hands of the sects, if the Lutheran Church does not take particular care of them. We have done all in our power to receive them with love, prayer and exhortation, so as to lead them into the fold of the Church.

Among the guests of our house have also been a number of

POOR,

who had neither the means to pay for their board nor for their passage to this country. We have done for them what was in our power. About $156 in cash and numbers of garments have been distributed among them, and when requisite we have given them free lodging and board. We also had in our house nearly all the time

SICK PERSONS,

and we have endeavored to assist them in their bodily and spiritual wants. In six cases we asked for reception into the hospital, which was granted at our request, free of charge.

We have also been in connection with

WARD ISLAND.

We forwarded poor and sick to this place, and in return received needy and half cured.

An orphan who was forwarded to us together with a young lady by a pastor in Anspach, found refuge in the Asylum at Mt. Vernon.

During the past year we had in the Emigrant House 1 birth, 6 baptisms, 1 confirmation, 4 communicants, 8 marriages and 3 deaths. The confirmation was that of a poor girl, who, after her arrival, remained in our house for a year and a half as a servant, and who was instructed sufficiently in the Catechism. I confirmed her last Palm Sunday. One of the deaths above named was that of a beloved brother in Christ, Pastor Schladermundt. He died on the 18th of October last.

Those immigrants who asked for the communion, we usually directed to St. Matthew's Church (Rev. Dr. Ruperti's), so that if the communion should be celebrated in our chapel, it could not easily occur that persons simply for the sake of making use of the opportunity, could receive the Lord's Supper without due preparation.

Respectfully submitted, W. BERKEMEIER.

Report of the Treasurer of the New York Immigrant Mission.

1874.		Money Received.	
Nov. 2.	Rec'd from	Mr. Boshen	$130 25
"	"	Pastor Hoppe, Rochester	20 00
"	"	East New York, (unknown)	1 00
"	"	Mr. Kobb	1 00
"	"	Pastor Berkemeier	3 00
"	"	Pastor Berkemeier	5 00
"	"	Pastor A. Wetzel	300 00
"	"	Pastor Brobst & Co	55 35
"	"	E. A. Bauer	6 00
"	"	Pastor Donald	6 75
"	"	Pastor Klingman	43 00
"	"	D. Gertman	5 00
"	"	"Unknown"	1 00
"	"	K. Weifs	8 50
"	"	Pastor Kleinlein	14 25
"	"	Pastor Frei	22 00
			$622 10

1874.		Money Paid.	
Dec. 1.	To rent of office		$ 25 00
" "		Carl Janishen	50 00
1875.			
Jan. 1.		Rent of office	25 00
Feb. 1.		Rent of office	25 00
Mar. 1.		Rent of offlce	25 00
April 1.		Rent of office	25 00
		Postage	25
July 8.		Carl Janishen	50 00
Sept. 27.		Carl Janishen	50 00
			$275 25
Sept. 30.	Cash on hand		346 85
			$622 10

JOHN MOLLER,
Treasurer.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1, 1875,

These reports were received for consideration.

The amount of salary to be paid to the Missionary was left to the determination of the incoming Committee.

In reference to the recommendation at the close of the first of the reports, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on the New York Immigrant Mission be elected, and be instructed to connect the work of their Missionary with the Emigrant House at New York.

The report of the Committee was then adopted as a whole.

Committee on the New York Immigrant Mission.

The Council then proceeded to elect this Committeee. Rev. V. B. Christy and A. W. Potteiger were appointed tellers, who subsequently reported the following persons elected, viz.:

Revs. J. Ruperti, J. G. Princell, A. E. Frey and H. Raegener, and Messrs. J. Moeller, C. Hauselt, C. Bellmer and C. J. Nehrbas.

New York Emigrant House Association

During the consideration of the Report of the New York Immigrant Mission Committee, the Report of the New York Emigrant House Association was read, and on motion, ordered to be printed in the Minutes. It is as follows:

Report of the New York Lutheran Emigrant House Association.

It was on the 31st day of October, 1873, that the Emigrant House was opened. Two years have passed since then. Happy to forget all trouble caused by its establishment, we were pleased with our new work; but as is usual in such cases, the maintenance of the House has given us considerable trouble. Besides pecuniary difficulties, divers other troubles were in store for us. But the Lord came to the rescue. Among many other proofs of his kindness, we know that if the Lord does not help at every moment, his help is certain when really needed.

The purpose of our institution is shown by the following paragraph of our Constitution:

"To welcome those immigrants who land in the harbor of New York, in the name of the Lutheran Church, and to give them comfortable and cheap lodgings; to give them help, protection and information in moral as well as physical trouble, and to assist them in procuring work, and to aid them generally. That no exceptions are to be made on account of any particular religious belief, and that the example of the good Samaritan is to be followed throughout."

The Board of Trustees, as well as those employed in the institution, with the above purpose in view, have always endeavored to accomplish this end. How far they have succeeded will best be shown by the result. It is a fact that our good reputation has spread far and wide, and it has been acknowledged by many letters received by us, and most religious and other newspapers, that the number of respectable guests increases from month to month.

This institution lodged and boarded during this year 2,195 pilgrims. Among these there were quite a number (ministers, candidates, teachers, mission pupils, merchants, &c.,) who paid 25 cents extra for a separate room, and we flatter ourselves were as well satisfied as if they had stopped at a costly hotel. The poor that could not pay were, according to the Lord's promise, "always with us."

Besides several articles of clothing, we received $156, in divers sums,

marked "For poor immigrants." But as this sum was not enough even for the most pressing cases, our House had to advance $400 additional for the support of the poor. Not often were the really needy refused admittance to our institution. Only professional beggars and tramps we were compelled to turn off. But all who stayed with us, rich or poor, found good treatment, clean rooms, beds, bed-clothes, &c.

It is unnecessary to say, that besides lodging and boarding the immigrants, the help and counsel they required was an additional source of trouble from day to day. There was plenty of work for us all the year round. Our employees, under the supervision of the Steward (Mr. Rothermund), are so distributed that each has his post, knows what to do and how to do it, and all the work is well done, and in an orderly manner; so that, as far as we know, no complaint has ever been made. Individual unpleasantness among the guests is not always to be prevented, but it is soon removed by the good influence and rules of the House. Taken as a whole, our guests were of a respectable class, as their behavior testified.

During the year 504 letters were received by us, containing, in all, $1,121.29. More than twice the above number of letters went through our hands, addressed to pilgrims through our institution. Almost all the letters received by us were promptly answered.

All pilgrims that lodged at our house during the year came more or less in contact with the mission of the house through the Rev. S. Keyl, or through our missionaries, Rev. Sward and Rev. Berkemeier. Divine service was held every Sunday and family worship every morning and evening, besides which there was frequent occasion to teach and comfort individually. Very rarely was anybody compelled to leave the house without partaking of the blessing which the Lord has promised to his own. Those travelling further were in many instances recommended to ministers and congregations, and Testaments, tracts, and Christian periodicals that were given (thanks to our friends) for distribution, were given them to read on the way.

Among the pilgrims that were under our care were hundreds whom we helped to situations as clerks, artisans, professionals and farm hands. Two young men, of whom we believed that they would be of good use to the Church, we were very glad to help to the Theological Seminary, where, as we now hear, they more than realize our expectations. We were instrumental in placing five teachers in parochial schools.

Although the position of the Missionary is independent of the financial condition of the house, yet he cannot help taking great interest in its financial prosperity, inasmuch as upon its success the continuance

of this beneficent institution largely depends. Below is a report of our Treasurer, which shows that our extra expenses were—

Completion of our house furnishing	$426 56
Advertising in German and German-American newspapers	244 05
For printing reports, circulars and cards	239 35
Total	$909 96

The Lord has in this, as in many other instances, manifestly helped us, and we have reason to be very thankful. Under his blessed guidance it was that philanthropists were found, who gave their hands and hearts to our undertaking, so that our Treasurer reported a collection of $1,674.17 last year. Often, very often, were we in need, but help was near at hand.

Our past success has filled us with confidence, and we look to the future confident that our institution will prosper by the will of Providence. We offer the most heartfelt thanks for the practical and moral support which our many friends have given us. May the consciousness of having assisted thousands of their countrymen who arrive in this country exposed to dangers of body and soul, and who find a safe resting place in the Emigrant House, be a bright spot in their memory. May God preserve to our house all our present friends, and help us to move hearts that feel pity for the indigent immigrant that lands in this city.

The Emigrant House groans under the burden of a debt of $18,000. When this is paid (which ought to be done as soon as possible), how much easier will it be for us.

The gifts for the Emigrant House are for a substantial purpose. The German people have a safe and honorable asylum for their immigrants, and the Church a very important institution for its mission. Who will assist in this noble work? God grant that there may be many!

Every mite, whether for our House or for the poor under our care, will be thankfully received and will be accounted for in our reports.

Please send communications to Emigrant House, 16 State street, New York city.

With thanks for past favors, and praying that in future God's grace and human charity may continue to be the support of our asylum, we end our report.

(Signed,) W. Berkemeier, *Missionary.*

By order of the Board of Managers of the Lutheran Emigrant House Association. W. Hauff, *Sec'y.*

New York, Oct. 7, 1875.

Foreign Missions.

Report of the Executive Committee.

The Committee would present to the General Council at this, its Ninth Convention, an account of the Mission work entrusted to its care.

Selections from the Letters of the Missionaries.

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In a letter dated February 12, 1875, brother J. K. Poulson writes as follows:

Rajahnagram, Feb. 12, 1875.

Rev. Dr. Schmucker:

Dear Brother in Christ—Brother Schmidt and his wife have now been, for a fortnight, up the Godavery, and my wife, myself and our little daughter have been out in the district in tent for the last week. We especially avail ourselves of the coldest season for travelling. On this tour we have again visited a place called Korconda, where it has pleased our Lord to draw one soul into his flock. In that direction, this one is the first and the only Christian. You will, perhaps, recollect that I have before mentioned to you, tours to that place. In December last year we also lived in tent there, and at that time this man, an old man, was baptized. As it seemed, and we hoped that a door was opened for us there, we were anxious to find a man to place there as teacher. The baptized man offered his own house (he had two) as a school-house. We found a young man, and it seemed that he was getting on very nicely, but he got the fever and came home to Rajahmundry. He did not like to go there again, thinking that the water there did not agree with him, an idea which is very common among the natives when they live out of their own village. He was, however, persuaded to go, but soon after was taken down with fever. We have placed him, temporarily, as teacher at Rajahmundry.

I have always much joy in visiting this old man, as he seems to be very sincere and glad in Christ. He himself had good hope about one of his daughters, who, he said, had got "butti," as they express themselves. His wife was now very sick, and people were puzzled to know why the teacher, who was sick, and this Christian, should suffer anything when they believed in the true God who had taken away their sins.

Rajahmundry, Feb. 16, 1875.

We became obliged suddenly to seek home, as our baby got very sick and required medical attendance. It is of much worth, not to be quite alone for a longer time in the country districts, but it also has its difficulties to travel with a family in a country where we can have no other comforts than what we can bring with us.

April 5th, 1875, Brother H. C. Schmidt writes:

RAJAHMUNDRY, April 5, 1875.

Reverend and Dear Brethren of the Executive Committee:

I intended writing long ago, but our preparations for the tour to the Hills were so many, that I found no time to do so before the tour. A countryman of ours, Mr. Hyorth, came from Madras and went with us. We found the tour, as usual, very pleasant, and went farther than ever before. They all were anxious to hear the gospel, and asked for teachers everywhere. We went up a small river which joins the Godavery; but there I got a severe attack of jungle fever. We returned at once to the Godavery, but one after another of our people got sick, and my wife also, after two days. We were obliged to return to Rajahmundry as quick as possible, and have now been under medical care more than a month. The fever has not yet left us, but the doctor says we may go to the sea-coast now. It is a terrible fever, but I hope that we will get over it near the sea. Very often that fever does not leave one except after taking a voyage. We have also been advised to do so, but we hope it will suffice to stay for some time near the sea. We have got so terribly lean and thin that we hardly are more than bone and skin. We were twelve in our boat, and only three escaped fever.

As soon as I am stronger I shall write more fully. It will interest you to hear that we finished the last year with the baptism of the two-hundredth person admitted into the Church, since the General Council took charge of this Mission.

I have estimated our expenses for this year to be in all $3,000. Some of the Catechist and other houses require repair, and if your Committee can send us that money by September, I think we shall have no trouble. Please let us know what prospects there are about Dr. Heyer's money and the Heyer Memorial Church. And what prospects have you regarding new missionaries?

Now I have one request more. We often feel the want of a mission boat. We have often used Captain Taylor's boat, but this time it got so much injured that we could not well use it again. In case we should be able to procure a boat without any expense to your Committee, would you sanction $40 a year for the keeping of such a boat in the time missionaries do not use it? If a missionary uses it, he has himself to pay for boatmen, &c.

But I must stop, this time, and send our love and kind regards in the Lord.

May 16th, 1875, Brother Poulson writes:

RAJAHMUNDRY, May 15, 1875.

When I tell you that we now generally have 105 in the house, you will know that the heat just now is a little too much to be pleasant. Besides, in the evenings, when we look forward to a breath of cold wind, we have the last evenings had a hot wind blowing, which we must be careful to keep out of the house.

The Schmidts are down at the sea-side, but we are sorry to hear that the nasty hill fever constantly makes its appearance. I only hope it soon will leave them without its being necessary for them to take a trip to a cold country, which often is the only remedy against it.

As far as my knowledge goes, I think it has never been mentioned to you, that we have also got a Bible colporteur here at Rajahmundry. He is paid by the Madras Auxiliary Bible Society, from which he gets the Scriptures and sells them at a very low price. He gives in his monthly report to the superintendent of colporteur at Madras, signed by a supervisor, who keeps the account with the Society. The supervisor is generally a missionary. It is a hard work indeed to be a colporteur. He is supposed to sell a certain quantity of Scriptures, and it is with difficulty that he can sell the rate of two rupees a month. Of course he in his work is a good co-operator for us in mission work.

May 24th.—I am glad to say that we now have had better accounts from the Schmidts.

Although the differences between different denominations are minor points in comparison with our common cause in this heathen land, our neighbors, the Baptists, do trouble us. I will mention one instance. In March there was a great heathen festival in Korconda, where, I formerly have told you, one man has been baptized. I went there with three agents to preach, and a Baptist missionary with his agents came also. During the days we were there, some one of his agents had got hold of this newly baptized Christian and told him that he should not believe that he was a Christian, because he was not properly baptized. The poor Christian came afterwards to me and was very much troubled in his mind, on account of what he had heard from this Baptist. I told the missionary of it, and he, I believe, is too good a Christian not to see the wrong in this. He promised to speak to his agent about it. In all the villages where we have Christians, their agents go and try to fish for their peculiar views, and the European missionary, it appears, also calls us and other Protestants, in contempt, "sprinklers."

OTHER MISSIONS AMONG THE TELEGUS.

The American Baptist Mission at Coconadu has had an accession of

several new missionaries, and has extended its labors to a number of villages formerly visited by our missionaries. It employs a number of native laborers, who in addition to their efforts among their heathen kindred, are not slow in trying to persuade the Christians connected with our mission to be immersed. Their efforts cause no little perplexity and confusion among the native converts.

The Church of England also began in August a mission about 30 miles from ours, and near the coast.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE MISSION WORK.

On this subject the missionaries continue to express the strong desire and hope that reinforcements should be sent out. Dec. 14, 1874, "It is a great pity that our force was not increased before this." Jan. 5, 1875, "We long to hear how it will be with the brethren who thought of coming out to this field." June 25, "We desire to hear from you more about the state of our mission in your circles. We see that the thought of sending another missionary is still moving. I was, however, very sorry to see an attempt to check this movement. It almost frightened me to see the proposal of abandoning this mission. I hope the third missionary will come soon."

Your Committee are profoundly convinced of the importance of enlarging the force of the mission. It is a duty than which none can be more imperative. It is the direct command of the Lord, the Head of the Church. On every side of our feeble mission stretches out the field occupied by countless multitudes without Christ. Some years since we urged an increase, because within the delta of the Godavery holding one and a half millions, and far beyond it in many directions, there was no other mission but ours. Now we present a new argument from the other side; we have tarried so long and been so slow to care properly for this field, that the Church of England, after having with Christian courtesy urged us to occupy the field with diligence, and after having waited several years, has felt constrained to send missionaries and establish them near our location.

And, as Bro. Schmidt writes: "The Baptists from Canada and the United States are very active. They have occupied Coconadu, one of our former out-stations, and have at present or now expect six missionary families. They dip all of our people whom they can get hold of. We are grieved to see the confusion they cause. Our Church ought not to be less active here than in her home mission work. I hope our brethren will unite to further our cause wherever they may have opportunity."

There should be no real difficulty in the way of our doing more in the heathen world. Our congregations have ever shown an especial

interest in this work when it was fully brought to their notice. We are persuaded that if more, even many more, suitable laborers were found, the means for their support would be found if the case were laid before our churches.

Your Committee would urge that the prayers of the Church with one accord go up to the Lord, that he would dispose the hearts of earnest men to labor in this his vineyard.

The hope entertained by your Committee that several young men would devote themselves to this work has not yet been realized, and our missionaries already experience the exhaustive effects of the climate. We must expect that leave of absence for a time must soon be allowed them. We should send out additional laborers, who may learn the language of the land, and be able to care for the mission work, so that from time to time one and another may visit home, be refreshed in strength, and refresh our churches with their presence and counsels. So that even without any actual expansion of the field of the mission, we must soon send additional laborers in order to maintain the efficiency of our work as at present arranged.

THE MISSIONSBLATT.

Within the past year the publication of a "Missionsblatt," specially devoted to the work of missions within our Evangelical Lutheran Church, has been commenced. It is hoped that it may receive such hearty support as will not only be an encouraging evidence of missionary zeal, but may also tend greatly to extend and strengthen the same in our churches. Your Committee have requested the missionaries to send information from the mission field to this paper, and they have placed at the disposal of its editors many photographs from India for their use.

CHURCH BOOK IN TELUGU.

This has not yet been published. Bro. Schmidt writes, August 6th, 1875: "With regard to the Church Service in Telugu, I must add to my former information on that subject, that we have been unable to do anything lately on account of my sickness. But, as a new edition of the Bible in a revised translation is to be published, and as the adoption of certain religious terms is under consideration among the Telugu missionaries, we have decided to have our Church Book conformed to the language of the Bible as it may be fixed in that edition.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK.

"Many thanks for the Sunday School Book. For our children in school it is of little use, as they sing native tunes, which differ entirely from ours. But we are ourselves glad to become acquainted with the

book. I saw at once the translation of 'Schönster Herr Jesu,' and think it a perfect success."

SCHOLARS SUPPORTED BY SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It has not yet proved possible to find many scholars who after careful examination can be chosen to be educated as teachers and catechists. The accounts for 1874 show regular expenditures for the support of the following: Stephen, Erie S. S.; Prakashamu, St. James', Reading; William Schaeffer, St. Michael's, Germantown; Lazarus, St. Peter's (Dr. Moldehnke's), New York; Peter, Zion's Church S. S., Rochester; Matthew, Trinity, Reading; William, Rev. Isenschmid's S. S., Wilmington; James, Rev. J. B. Fox, Emlenton.

In addition to the above, St. John's Church (German), Philadelphia, has contributed to the support of a teacher, and the Sewing school of St. Mark's, Philadelphia, the support of a Telugu girl. Other scholars will be found as soon as possible.

Financial Account.

Expenditures in India for 1874.

	Rs.	As.	P.
Deficit from 1873	459	6	9
Repairs, taxes, building	764	7	8
Salaries of missionaries	4244	0	0
Salaries of two catechists	480	0	0
Travelling expenses	125	9	9
Support of scholars by S. S.	420	0	0
Postage	12	6	6
	6504	14	8
This amount is in gold here		$3,122	00
Add 17 per cent. for exchange on gold		533	00
		$3,655	00

Receipts for 1875.

The receipts from the different Synods since the last meeting of the Council have been as follows:

Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$1,217	16
Norwegian-Danish Augustana Synod	253	54
Michigan Synod	186	95
Canada Synod	175	44
Texas Synod	53	00
Iowa Synod	10	00
"Zeitschrift" and its readers	100	00
Rev. J. B. Fox, Emlenton, Pa.	30	00
Rev. W. Eichelberger, W. Va.	5	00
During this meeting and since the Treasurer's Account was closed, from Iowa Synod	50	00
Swedish Augustana Synod	100	00
The New York Ministerium has in hand for Foreign Missions	915	39
Total	$3,096	48

The receipts of the year have again not been quite equal to the expense, and the balance on hand left unexpended is very small.

The work is again commended to the Churches and to their Lord.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The report was received.

On motion of Prof. Spaeth, it was

Resolved, That we have heard with heartfelt interest and sympathy, in the Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, the account of the labors and sufferings of our missionaries among the Telugus, and that we pray the Lord to strengthen them in their labors, to preserve their lives and health, and to bestow His Divine blessing on their work; and that we request our District Synods to call the attention of their congregations to the enlargement of our Foreign Mission work, and the necessity of increased contributions to carry it on.

Executive Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Executive Committee of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania was made the General Council's Executive Committee on Foreign Missions.

Young Men's Associations.

C. J. Nehrbas, Esq., on permission given, addressed the Convention in reference to the formation of Young Men's Associations in connection with the Church, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the organization of church associations among the young men connected with our congregations, as presented by C. J. Nehrbas, Esq., be recommended to the favorable consideration of the District Synods connected with this Body.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. D. M. Kemerer.

Eighth Session.

TUESDAY, October 12, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. G. Fritschel.

The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

Report of the Committee on the Colloquium.

Your Committee report as follows:

The invitation issued by the General Council at its meeting at Erie

in 1873, has been officially responded to by the following bodies, viz.: The Southern General Synod, the Synod of North Carolina, the Holston Synod and the Synod of Tennessee, which bodies have appointed Committees of Arrangements to act with the Committee appointed by the General Council; also, from the Synodical Conference, which, with certain qualifications, has declared its readiness to participate in such a Colloquium. No official response has been received from the General Synod, but we have learned, unofficially, that that body has declined the invitation.

The above responses to the invitation of the General Council, make it evident that it is the desire of a large portion of the Church that the Colloquium shall be held.

Your Committee recommend that the Committee of Arrangements appointed by the General Council, in connection with the Committees appointed by the other bodies, proceed at once to make all the necessary arrangements for holding the Colloquium under the resolution of their appointment, with the understanding, that those who attend as the participants in the Colloquium, shall themselves determine the manner in which it shall be conducted.

THE COMMITTEE.

The recommendation contained in the report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Ruperti was added as a member of the Committee of Arrangements.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

Report of the Committee on Minutes of District Synods.

Your Committee, appointed to examine the Minutes of the District Synods, would respectfully report, that the various documents placed into their hands were duly examined, and the following result obtained:

THE MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The 128th Annual Meeting of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States was held during Trinity week, 1875, in Trinity Church, Norristown, Pa. Eight ordained ministers were received from other Synods. Eleven young men were duly examined and ordained for the work of the Gospel ministry. Five new congregations were received.

The following summary presents the statistics of the Synod at its late meeting: Ministers, 184; congregations, 366; confirmed members, 75,127; communed within the year (1874–75), 63,088; infant baptisms, 7,736. Additions: Adult baptisms, 288; confirmations, 4,824; from other churches, 893; total, 6,005. Losses: By death, 1,015; removals, 411; exclusions, 65; total, 1,491.

The contributions of the congregations for benevolent purposes, although in many districts members suffered greatly in view of the great prostration of business, were, as a total, nearly as large as in former years—namely, about $25,000.

The Synod had charge of twenty-two Home Missions, viz.: ten city missions and twelve in other districts. The Executive Committee appropriated the required contribution to the General Council's Home Mission work. The contributions to Foreign Missions have been continued. The Synod aided in its work of Beneficiary Education twenty-five students—eighteen in the Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, and seven in Muhlenberg College, at Allentown. The Orphans' Home, at Germantown, Pa., is in a prosperous condition, and receives the increased support of the congregations.

The Synod's Annual Meeting was characterized by increased interest in the work of our Church, as is evident from its discussions of questions of doctrine, of Church government, of education, of the Sunday school work, of Church literature, &c.

The only point to which the attention of the Council is to be called is the Synod's desire to have the final action of the Council with reference to the "Constitution for Congregations."

THE MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK.

This body, which held its 80th Annual Meeting in St. Peter's Church in the city of New York, from June 3d–9th, 1875, numbers 79 ministers, 75 congregations, 14,270 confirmed members, of whom 28 were baptized as adults, 2,010 confirmed, and 210 received from other churches during the year, and 4,711 children were baptized. 81 Sunday schools number 1,283 teachers and 13,127 scholars. About one-half of the congregations of the Synod have parochial schools, in charge of 58 teachers, and attended by 2,370 scholars. 14 Missions were supported by Synod. 12 beneficiary students were aided in their preparation for the ministry. Pastor G. W. Drees has thus far collected $12,000 for the endowment of a teacher's seminary. The Synod is likewise engaged in efforts to secure the endowment of the German professorship in the Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Two Orphans' Homes are located within the bounds of this Synod and liberally supported.

The Academy at Newark, N. Y., has given the Synod considerable anxiety, likewise the Synodical Church paper (the "Lutherische Herold"). The prospects of the Church paper are, however, improving, and the hope is entertained that at the beginning of the next year it will appear in an enlarged form.

Contributions of the Synod for benevolent objects amounted to nearly $10,000.

The erection of seven new church buildings was commenced and some of the buildings completed.

The exchange of delegates with the Synod of New York and New Jersey was by resolution abandoned.

THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

The Pittsburgh Synod held its 33d Annual Convention at St. Petersburg, Clarion county, Pa., from August 25th–31st, 1875.

Much important business was transacted at this meeting, and the proceedings show that the Synod is earnestly engaged in the work of the Master.

The Synod numbers 59 ministers, 119 congregations, and 9,967 confirmed members, and has contributed $2,453 to the cause of Missions, $1,440.41 to Beneficiary Education, $389.66 to the Synodical Treasury, $1,340.17 to other objects of benevolence, and $24,613.76 to local objects—a total of $30,237.

Four ministers were dismissed to other Synods. Seven ministers were received—three from other Synods, one by restoration, and three by ordination. 1,027 infants were baptized, 561 persons were confirmed, and 221 were received by certificate and the right hand of fellowship.

Fifteen Missions have been under the care of the Synod. Eight young men were aided in their course of preparation for the Christian ministry.

The work of Domestic Missions, General Benevolence and Christian Education, engaged the special attention of the Synod.

Nothing appears in the proceedings of the Synod requiring the special attention of this body.

DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

This Synod territorially occupies a most interesting and important position. Within its bounds are located a number of populous and growing cities, all of which have a vast Lutheran population, but some are without a single English Lutheran congregation. Were it not for a lack of the necessary funds it might establish many hopeful missions. It has under its care missions at Columbus, Alliance, Zanesville and Lima. It has also established a literary institution, located at Germantown, Ohio, which has already begun practical operations. The Synod has 27 pastors, 65 congregations, and 6,500 communicant members. The next annual meeting of this body will be held in Greensburg, Pa., August, 1876. Its officers are, Rev. G. W. Mechling, President; Rev. J. L. Smith, Secretary, and Rev. D. Worley, Treasurer.

MICHIGAN SYNOD.

As no copy of the minutes of this Synod is at hand, no report of its work can be made.

AUGUSTANA SYNOD (SWEDISH).

The Scandinavian Lutheran Augustana Synod (Swedish), held its annual convention at Vasa, Goodhue county, Minn., from June 19th to 28th, of this year. On account of the growth of the Synod and its extension over a very large territory, the main business of the Synod was the division of the same into districts, and the revision of the Constitution of Synod in accordance therewith.

THESES ON MIXED COMMUNION

were discussed, and finally adopted as follows:

1. The Lord's Supper is a means of grace which can be of full benefit to none others than believers, who also believe what God's word teaches concerning the Lord's Supper.

2. God's Word requires self-examination in order to a worthy reception of the Holy Supper, and to self-examination a knowledge of God's Word is necessary.

3. It is the duty of the pastor and congregation to see that those whom they admit to the Holy Supper, have such a knowledge of God's holy Word that they can examine themselves.

4. The Lord's Supper, as communion, is a means to the most intimate fellowship, not only with the Lord Jesus, but also between the communicants themselves.

5. Fellowship in the Supper with those who have and hold a doctrine differing from our Confession, especially relative to the Lord's Supper, is in a greater or less degree a denial of our own faith and confession, and is making little account of the Supper itself.

6. No others, therefore ought to be allowed to partake of the Lord's Supper within the Church, than those who belong to the Church or have the same faith and confession with our Church.

In its work for the extension of the Kingdom of God, the Synod has been greatly blessed. Thirty-five new congregations have been organized and received into connection with the Synod. Missionaries have been sent out to several parts of the country, but the resources are inadequate to the work. The Synod is in great want of men and means. At Augustana College and Theological Seminary more than fifty young men have been supported with the ministry in view, at an expense of $5,000, collected from the congregations. At the last meeting of Synod eight candidates for the ministry were ordained, and two ordained ministers were received from Sweden.

The number of pastors of this Synod is 103, and of the congregations is 246.

The next meeting of Synod will be held in the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Jamestown, N. Y., Juue 24, 1876.

THE CANADA SYNOD.

The Canada Synod held its last meeting at Sebastopol, Perth county, Ontario, June 23, 1875. The Synod numbers 23 ministers, 2 of whom were received at the late meeting, 59 congregations, 8 missions, and 5,400 communicants. The contributions during the past year were as follows: For Home Missions, $725.00; for Education, $; for Foreign Missions, $175.00.

TEXAS SYNOD.

This Synod held its last convention from April 11th to 15th in the church of the German Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Pastor Gerstman, in Quihi, Medina county, Texas. During the year three additional laborers were received into its connection, and a fourth is daily expected. Most of the pastors connected with this body are obliged to attend to parochial schools, and not a few serve missionary stations. The want of a travelling missionary, so long and deeply felt, has at last, at least in part, been supplied. The attempt to establish a German-English Seminary has not been crowned with the anticipated success, and for various reasons had to be discontinued, at least till prospects are more encouraging.

If men and means were supplied, this Synod might greatly enlarge its field of usefulness in the Redeemer's Kingdom, but as these are sadly wanting, those laboring there must content themselves with things as they are, trusting that the Lord in His own good time will send more laborers into His vineyard.

THE INDIANA SYNOD.

This young and hopeful Synod continues to give evidence of healthy progress and development. At its 5th Annual Convention, held in St. James' Church, Montgomory county, Indiana, one ordained minister and two congregations were received. The Synod now numbers 16 ministers, 39 congregations, and 2,075 communicant members. During the past year Synod supported one student at Thiel College, Pa. The contributions to the treasury of Synod during the past year amounted to $706.66. The expenditures were $602.31; balance in the treasury, $104.35.

We find two items in the proceedings of the Synod to which we would direct the attention of the Council:

1. A resolution requesting the General Council to change its Constitution, so as to hold its meetings in future biennially instead of annually.

2. A resolution urging upon the General Council the necessity of issuing at an early day, *Lesson Leaves* for the use of our Sunday schools.

In answer to the request of this Synod, your Committee would move the following resolutions:

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION REFERRING TO TIMES OF MEETING.

1. *Resolved*, That Art. I., Sec. 3, of the Constitution of the General Council be amended so that the first sentence shall read as follows: *The General Council shall meet at such time, not less than once in three years, and such place, as a majority shall determine by ballot.*

AIDS FOR INSTRUCTION IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

2. *Resolved*, That the Council fully, appreciates the great wants of the Church relative to suitable Lesson Leaves and other aids in imparting instruction in the Sunday schools, and will do all it can towards the speedy completion of the important work, now in the hands of a committee.

THE HOLSTON SYNOD.

This Synod enjoys a steady and certain prosperity. The varied interests and enterprises of the Church are hindered and retarded by the extreme pressure in monetary matters. The Synod proposes that the meetings of the General Council be held biennially or triennially.

THE SYNOD OF IOWA.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa, divided into two district Synods since 1873, held a special general meeting at Madison, Wis., from May 27th to June 2d, 1875, for the purpose of arranging the work of its Seminary. At the same meeting the Synod anew affirmed its particular position, and declared, that as a Synod it does not represent the "Richtung" of any particular school, but simply confesses its adherence to the Confessions of the Lutheran Church, and acknowledges all the articles of faith contained in the Symbols as symbolically binding; that it rejects every pretended advance, every so-called further development of doctrine, which would be in antagonism to the Confession; that it tolerates a difference of theological views, within the limits set by the Confessions themselves, and regards as a great sin to make any doctrinal point that does not belong to the articles of faith, or to the doctrines upon the agreement of which church fellow-

ship depends, an article of faith. As such points the following were mentioned—the doctrine of a future millennium, of the antichrist as a personality, of the future conversion of the Jews, of the setting apart of one day in the week by divine ordinance, the doctrine that the ministerial office is constituted by transferring the rights of the spiritual priesthood of individual Christians to one of their number in their midst.

The Synod considered these doctrinal questions as open questions, that is, as questions on account of which church fellowship should not be severed, and in this is to be found the main cause of disagreement with the Missouri Synod.

THE NORWEGIAN-DANISH AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

This Synod held its 16th Annual Convention in the Norwegian Lutheran Church, near Decorah, Iowa, from June 5th to 12th, 1875.

The Synod numbers 14 ministers, 49 congregations, and about 6,000 communicants. Several thousand dollars were collected from the congregations of this Synod for Home and Foreign Missions, and for the support of the suffering and needy in the grasshopper districts.

The Synod sustains a seminary for the preparation of young men for the ministry. Seven young men were aided in part during the last year.

F. J. F. Schantz, J. Fishburn,
P. Krug, J. Wesner,
W. F. Ulery, S. Fritschel,
J. P. Hentz, O. J. Hatlestad.
E. Carlson,

Accepted.

The resolutions recommended by the Committee founded upon the action of the Indiana Synod in reference to less frequent meetings of the General Council, and to the preparation of Lesson Leaves and other aids in imparting instructiou in Sunday schools, were adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Aids for Instruction in Sunday Schools.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention of the General Council to report "On the subject of Question Books, Lesson Leaves, and other aids in imparting instruction in the Sunday school," would present the following:

The Committee do not understand the purpose of the resolution to be to authorize the Committee to prepare "Question Books, Lesson

Leaves, and other aids in imparting instruction in the Sunday school," to be submitted by them to the General Council for its approval. The resolution does not declare this to be the work of the Committee. The purpose of their appointment seems simply to be, to indicate what, in their opinion, should be the character of the aids in imparting instruction, that should be prepared and adopted by our Sunday schools. In order to arrive at a full understanding of the whole question, it will be necessary to enter somewhat at length into the history and design of the Sunday school, its relation to the church, the character of the instruction to be given in it, the qualifications of the teachers, the manner of teaching, as well as the helps employed, and, in general, everything that is properly included in the words "On the subject of Question Books, Lesson Leaves, and other aids in imparting instruction in the Sunday school."

ORIGIN.

The first Sunday school of which we have any certain account in history, was established by the Lutheran Pastor Stouber, and his successor, Pastor Oberlin, in Steinthal, Elsace, about the year 1767. It was a church school, controlled by the pastor, and in it religious instruction was given by means of the Word of God, and Luther's Small Catechism. Subsequently, in 1781, Robert Raikes, of England, established Sunday schools for the instruction of poor children, whom he collected together on Sundays. From these beginnings the Sunday school has grown, until it has become a fixed institution in the churches.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

The most efficient method of imparting religious instruction to the children of our congregations is by means of parochial schools. These formerly existed in nearly all our churches, and are still maintained in most of our German and Scandinavian congregations. It is much to be regretted that so few parochial schools are found in our English congregations. In these schools religious instruction is given every day by a competent teacher, or teachers, and it is necessarily more thorough than that which the children can receive in an hour's attendance once a week in the Sunday school. But, as in so large a proportion of our congregations parochial schools do not exist, and the Sunday school is the only agency, apart from the pastor's catechetical instruction preparatory to confirmation, by means of which the Church, as such, endeavors to carry out the Saviour's command, "Feed my lambs," it is of the first importance that it should be made as perfect as possible.

DEFECTS.

There are defects in our Sunday schools which ought to be remedied. Some of these defects are not easily removed, as they are inherent in the system. Others are not necessarily connected with it, and can be corrected.

Some are union schools, and are, therefore, not directly and wholly connected with our congregations. The Sunday school is a part of the Church's own work, and should, therefore, be in the closest possible connection with it. It should be the school of the Church, and, therefore, as much under the entire and direct control of the Church as any other part of its service.

Some Sunday schools seem to be constituted and managed wholly independent of pastoral supervision. The pastor of a congregation is the bishop of the children, as well as of the adult members, and must have the oversight of both. A Sunday school independent of pastoral supervision should not be tolerated in any congregation.

In many congregations it is difficult to obtain the services of old and experienced members as teachers, and the classes have to be supplied with teachers who have great need themselves to be scholars. If possible, none but intelligent Christian men and women ought to be employed in a position so responsible as that of teachers of children and youth in Christian doctrine and duty. Teachers, whether young or old, ought themselves to be well instructed in order to instruct others. They should be sound in the faith, so as not to teach error. They should themselves have experience of the grace of God in their hearts, so as to be able to give safe direction to inquiring minds. They should be consistent members of the Church, in order that they may teach by example as well as by precept.

The want of authority to duly control the scholars is a defect in the Sunday school which is frequently felt. As the attendance is voluntary, the scholar feels independent of control, is often unruly, and sets at defiance the efforts that are made to enforce obedience.

Irregularity of attendance on the part of teachers is a subject of frequent complaint, and hinders the success of the school, for when the scholars come and find the teacher absent, they become restless, refuse to accept the services of a substitute, and when frequently disappointed, stay away altogether.

When the school is held only for an hour once a week, the time is altogether disproportioned to the great work of giving the instruction to the young which they must receive, in order to become well informed in Christian knowledge and duty. But often, even that hour is not

fully employed, but the time is suffered to pass away with but little effort on the part of the teacher to improve it to the advantage of the scholars.

Some superintendents and others are more noted for their ability to amuse the children, than to teach them wholesome doctrine and inculcate serious lessons of duty, that will permanently benefit those that listen to them.

Many of the books that are suffered on the shelves of Sunday school libraries, are positively injurious to those that read them. Some inculcate error of doctrine, others encourage false religious experience, many are mere trashy novels, and those that are really valuable, are frequently not read, because not attractive, or popular, to the perverted tastes of the scholars.

Most of these defects can be remedied by careful attention on the part of Pastors, Church Councils, and members, and every effort should be made to make the schools as complete as possible, and as effective in the accomplishment of the important end for which they are established, as they can be made.

METHODS.

The word of God is, of course, the great Text Book. The object of Sunday school instruction is to impart the knowledge of the doctrines, the facts and the precepts of the Scriptures, and especially, of the way of salvation through Jesus Christ. All the aids and helps, and instrumentalities adopted, must be subordinate to this great end, and promotive of it. The Sunday school, as an agency of the Church, and a part of the Church's work, must teach the children the Word of God, so, that like Timothy, "from a child, each one may know the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make it wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

In the infant department and for the instruction of small children, who cannot yet read, the teacher will use to advantage picture cards representing some scriptural scenes, accompanied with explanations, and short biblical narratives related to the school in simple language, and questions asked as to their recollection of the facts related. They also readily learn to sing hymns, to recite the Creed aud the Lord's Prayer, and to commit short morning and evening Prayers, and Grace at meat, to be said by them at table.

With the classes of larger scholars, a portion of Scriptures should constitute the lesson, and a suitable question book or lesson leaf may be employed, and such additional questions asked and explanations given as may suggest themselves to theteacher's mind, as necessary to ena le the scholars to have a correct understanding of the passage.

In order to familiarize the children of the Church with the observance of the periods of the Church year, the Gospels and Epistles appointed to be read during public worship should constitute a part of the lessons of the Sunday school. When other portions of the New Testament are taken as the lessons, they should, as far as possible, be selected and arranged so as to be in harmony with the regular Gospels and Epistles. Even from the Old Testament a series of Lessons can be prepared, as is now being done by one of our pastors, which, whilst it preserves the chronological order of sacred history, is made to illustrate, with wonderful force and beauty, the events of the Church year, as they are arranged in the Pericopes.

The historical portions of the Old and New Testaments should be studied by the school, so that the children may become well acquainted with the facts of the Bible.

Luther's Small Catechism should be a text book in every Sunday school connected with our Church, and the children, especially the larger scholars, should be required to study it.

The Augsburg Confession may be properly introduced and profitably studied by the oldest scholars of the school under a competent teacher, and a series of exercises drawn from it and explanatory of it, would form a valuable aid to the study of it.

A series of lessons explanatory of our excellent Church Book, if judiciously prepared, and used by the older scholars, would be very useful in fitting them to join intelligently in the services of public worship.

It is very desirable that a carefully prepared system of instruction should be adopted and carried out in our schools, running over a succession of years. A course of lessons, either by question books or lesson leaves, upon the following, topics might be prepared: on Sacred Persons, on Sacred Historical Events, on Gospels for the Church Year, on Epistles for the Church Year, on the Nature, Attributes and Works of God, on the Fall and Redemption of Man, on Luther's Small Catechism, on the Church Book, on the Augsburg Confession. It is no serious objection to this system, that some numbers of the series would include a portion of the subjects treated of in the others. These subjects might be distributed among different classes of the same school, according to the advancement of the scholars. A thorough examination of the classes by the Pastor, or Superintendent, in the presence of the parents and members of the congregation, might fittingly close the yearly course, by way of ascertaining the fitness of the scholars for promotion to the next series of the course.

Singing is always an interesting and attractive part of the exercises

of the Sunday school, and for it the Sunday School Book in English, and that soon to be issued in German, will furnish a large selection of hymns and tunes.

Your Committee are glad to learn that a very competent Committee of Pastors of our Church, was appointed by a Sunday School Convention held in Philadelphia last winter, and that some progress was made in preparing aids to the work of giving instruction in our schools, which was to be largely of the character indicated in this report. It is much to be desired that the interest awakened will not be suffered to flag, but, on the contrary, the work of preparing suitable aids will be prosecuted with vigor and success. The Church is looking to this General Council in the hope that it will do something effectual towards supplying the wants of our Sunday schools. Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the General Council appoint a Committee to prepare suitable aids for imparting instruction in our Sunday schools.

2. *Resolved*, That we earnestly urge upon all our Churches the duty of introducing into their schools the aids prepared by said Committee.

Accepted.

The resolutions at the close of the report were adopted, and the report was adopted as a whole.

Committee to Prepare Aids for Instruction in Sunday Schools.

Under the resolution at the close of the above report, the following Committee was appointed, viz.:

Revs. E. Greenwald, W. J. Mann, J. Fry, A. Spaeth, J. A. Kunkelman, F. P. Mayser, D. H. Geissinger, S. Wagenhals, J. Telleen, and O. J. Hatlestad.

The following resolution in reference to the same subject, was also adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee have published in the Church papers, each week, an exposition of the lesson, for the assistance of Sunday school teachers in their preparation of it.

Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society.

Report of the Committee.

The Committee to whom the Constitution and By-Laws of the "Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society" were referred, would respectfully report, that they have examined them, and would recommend that they be approved by the General Council, and be printed in the Minutes.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was accepted, and, on motion, the documents were referred to the District Synods for examination. (See Appendix A.)

Theological Seminary at Chicago.

The Report of the Board of Directors was presented and accepted.

Pending its consideration, adjourned. Prayer by Rev. E. Belfour.

Ninth Session.

TUESDAY, October 12, 2 P. M.

The session was opened with prayer by Dr. Passavant.

The minutes were read and approved.

Theological Seminary at Chicago.

Report of the Board of Directors.

The members of the Board in attendance upon the General Council met in the Swedish German Lutheran Church, on Monday morning, October 11, at 8 o'clock. After prayer by Rev. G. W. Mechling, Dr. Hasselquist was called to the chair, and the Rev. O. J. Hatlestad was elected Secretary. The resolutions which had been prepared for the consideration of the Board, were discussed until the hour for the session of the General Council, when the meeting was adjourned to 8 o'clock in the evening.

At the appointed hour the Board met in the parsonage, and as the result of their deliberations, the following resolutions were adopted, and are hereby presented to the General Council for its consideration.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Passavant.

O. J. HATLESTAD.

1. *Resolved*, That it is the conviction of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Theological Seminary, that great damage has resulted to our Church in the West from the unavoidable delay in commencing this Institution, and also, that to avoid further injury to this important undertaking, the opening of the Seminary, if possible, be not delayed longer than the first week of September, 1876.

2. *Resolved*, That the Board earnestly ask the General Council to request the Rev. Henry E. Jacobs to withdraw his declinature, and to accept the Professorship of Systematic Theology to which he was so unanimously and cordially called, by the suffrages of this body.

3. *Resolved*, That we request the General Council to elect a Professor of Pastoral Theology at this Convention, and that until special provision be otherwise made, such other branches of instruction be assigned to him by the Board, as may be consistent with his other engagements.

4. *Resolved*, That the Revs. W. A. Passavant and E. Belfour, and Messrs. P. Anderson, and L. H. Johnsen, be a committee to procure the necessary plans and specifications for the residence of the first Professor, on the Seminary grounds at Chicago, and that they be hereby authorized to proceed with its erection during the summer of 1876; provided, however, the necessary means can be secured, so as not to involve this Board or the General Council in any pecuniary obligations.

5. *Resolved*, That the Revs. S. Wagenhals and G. W. Mechling be authorized to solicit subscriptions and donations for this object in the States of Indiana and Ohio, and that the Rev. W. A. Passavant be hereby appointed the General Financial Agent, to obtain funds for the same purpose and for the salaries of the Professors.

The consideration of this report was resumed, and the following action was taken in reference to it:

Resolved, That while deeply impressed with the importance and desirableness of having the Chicago Theological Seminary in full operation as soon as possible, yet, inasmuch as no means have been provided for endowment or the erection of buildings, and inasmuch as the co-operation of the Swedish Augustana Synod cannot now be obtained, that the General Council is not prepared at present to direct that the institution be opened.

Resolved, That action on the declination of the Rev. H. E. Jacobs of the Professorship in the Chicago Theological Seminary, be deferred until our next annual Convention.

Resolved, That if the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Chicago find it desirable and practicable to make arrangements for the temporary labors of Prof. H. E. Jacobs, at the Seminary at Rock Island, as well as provision for his support, they are hereby authorized to do so.

Home Missions.

Report of the Executive Committee.

In coming before the Council with a statement of the Home Mission work performed since the last annual meeting, the Committee desire to make acknowledgment of the gratitude which is due to the Lord of

the Church, that His blessing has rested upon us, and His hand sustained us in the important interests committed to our charge. While it is true that we have not added to the number of laborers, yet, with one exception, the Missions have made such progress as to convince us that they were wisely chosen, and to show how much might be accomplished at other points for the Church and for souls, if the men and the means with which to occupy them were provided. We do not wish to weary you with the discouraging recital of the embarrassments which have attended the work, ever since the first appointment of the Committee. The main cause of our difficulty is well known to all. No adequate response has been made to the call of the Council for funds to carry on this most important branch of Church work. Only two Synods have contributed to our Treasury during the past year, and from these only the small sum of eleven hundred and fifteen dollars has been received. Had it not been for contributions solicited from individuals and churches, the Committee would have been compelled seriously to consider whether it is possible to continue longer under our present arrangement. As it is, we find ourselves hampered with a debt of between eleven and twelve hundred dollars.

In the By-Laws adopted by the Council in 1868 for the regulation of its Home Mission work, it is stated that "The object of this Committee shall be to plant and sustain churches through the preaching of the Divine Word and the administering of the Sacraments, according to the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as set forth in the doctrinal basis of this body, and also to aid the Synods of the General Council in carrying on the same work within their bounds." It was contemplated that we should operate among the feebler Synods and in the outlying districts. In pursuance of this object, in addition to locating missionaries in cities and towns, it was our intention to send out and sustain travelling missionaries, to whom an entire State or Territory should be assigned, and who should go from place to place ministering in the Word and Sacraments to the widely scattered members of our fold. Accordingly, one of our first acts was to commission the Rev. J. L. Stirewalt to labor in the State of Indiana. Through his indefatigable exertions renewed interest was awakened in vacant charges, new congregations were organized, and additional pastors were secured for that field, and it was very largely owing to his efforts that the Synod of Indiana was formed, which is now in connection with this body. Since his death we have not appointed any travelling missionaries, though urged to do so, especially by the Canada and Texas Synods. The reason is obvious to all who will read the report of our Treasurer. But what a great harvest would a few years gather

into the fold of our Church, if the vast Territories of the West, which are rapidly being occupied with hardy laborers from the more densely populated sections of the world, could be occupied in this way. These newer States and Territories will ere long be the centre of population in this country. Now is the time to go in and possess the land for Christ and His Church. The Committee are ready to prosecute this work as soon as the Synods not only instruct them to engage in it, but contribute something more than promises wherewith to sustain it. In the meantime nothing can be done, and we must be content, to look idly on while these promising fields are wasted by the destroyer, and reluctantly turn away from the cry which comes from these destitute places for the Bread of Life, because we are powerless to help. It was only last winter that we were informed that in a city in the far West, a number of Lutheran families had settled years ago, and that if an energetic pastor could be sent to them, it would not be long before a self-sustaining congregation could be established. Tidings of a similar character came to us from cities on the Pacific coast. The propriety of supplying these places was discussed in the Committee, but we could not see our way clear to undertake anything at the present time. But if such points as these could be occupied, they would become centres from which the missionaries could work in the extensive regions lying around. When will our congregations awake to a sense of their responsibility, and to the performance of their duty? May the day soon come when a true missionary zeal will animate the hearts and arouse the activities of the members of our communion, that they may realize the preciousness of the words of Him who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The following is a review of the missions under our care:

1. The *English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in Chicago* has continued under the charge of the Rev. E. Belfour. In our last report we stated that the congregation were erecting a part of their new church edifice. Unable to put up the entire building, they proposed, with such aid as could be obtained from others, to build the rear half of the basement of the church, 60 by 60 feet, on plans furnished by an architect connected with the congregation. After months of patient waiting and anxions toil, they were permitted to see it completed, and occupied for the first time on the 21st of February last. The room thus provided is large, churchly in appearance, and gives general satisfaction. It cost five thousand five hundred dollars, nearly all of which was paid, one-half the amount being raised in Chicago, the rest from churches in the East. The young people of

the congregation had a fine pipe organ, costing eight hundred dollars, placed in the church, which they have been paying for in instalments. One of the members presented a beautiful baptismal font, and another two large stained glass windows, valued at seven hundred dollars. The change from the little frame chapel to the new place of worship has been very advantageous. It has given a new impulse to the congregation, and attracted the favorable notice of many without. The missionary reports that those now coming to the public services could not have been accommodated in the little old chapel, that new faces appear every Lord's Day, and that the attendance is uniformly good. Palm Sunday was another glad day for the mission, when twelve catechumens, who had been under instructions since the preceding October, were confirmed, and eight others received by certificate. Mr. Belfour has made dilligent inquiry and search for Lutherans residing in the city whose spiritual home should be with his people, and has been gratified at seeing many thus gathered in. He expresses himself as being greatly encouraged, as he sees such influences at work as will secure the steady and healthy growth of the congregation and Sunday school. During the year just closed thirty-eight members have been received and twelve children baptized. But with these signs of encouraging progress and increasing strength, we must not suppose that the mission can do for itself. The building in which Divine service is now held is only a part of the church edifice, the larger and more expensive portion of which still has to be built. A debt of seven thousand dollars remaining from the purchase of the ground and the improvement made shortly after the great fire, and from accrued interest, now rests entirely upon the congregation. The Mission and Church Extension Society had carried five thousand dollars of this amount, but recently informed the mission that they could carry it no longer, and that it must be assumed by the mission itself. Generous help is therefore still needed, and we have confidence in the Church that it will not be withheld; and no gifts could be more wisely bestowed. Of all our new enterprises none has a more far-reaching influence than this. Situated in a great city where thousands are daily coming and going, and among strong Churches of different nationalities, and being the only English Lutheran Church in the place, it has large opportunities for extensive usefulness. It has already gathered within its fold both children and adults from Americans, Germans, Norwegians, Swedes and Danes. All of these elements have been found to harmonize well, inasmuch as they "all speak the same thing," being "joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment." Let this enterprise be sustained a few more years, and it will repay the Church an hundred fold for all the means and labor spent upon it.

2. The *English Mission at Columbus*, the capital of Ohio, under the charge of the Rev. H. Peters, has been sustained jointly during the year by the District Synod of Ohio, and the Home Mission Committee. The congregation is increasing slowly and is becoming more favorably known. The pastor reported an addition of five new members early in the year, four of whom were from other chnrches. Later in the spring a class of twenty catechumens was formed, who were still under instruction at the date of the last report of the missionary, written in July. The seating capacity of the church was increased by the addition of a number of pews, at a cost of one hundred dollars, which was paid by subscriptions. Several hundred dollars have also been paid on the principal of the debt, which, however, still amounts to over three thousand dollars. A mortgage of two thousand dollars resting on the property will have to be paid in February next, which the congregation, with the other burdens resting upon it, will be unable to meet. It is hoped, however, that arrangements may be made so that the property will not have to be sacrificed. The attendance at Divine service is good, and a steady interest in the progress and welfare of the church is maintained by the membership. The Sunday school presents one of the most encouraging features of the charge. Over one hundred scholars took part in the last Christmas celebration, and an average attendance of seventy scholars, with a list of sixteen officers and teachers, was maintained during the winter months. A Bible class is taught by the pastor, and a teachers' meeting is regularly held for the study of the lessons of the school. The mission has hopeful prospects, but it also has its own peculiar discouragements, which only those on the ground can fully understand. Time, however, will show the importance and value of this enterprise to our church, in the growing city in which it is placed, and doubtless, the earnest missionary and his harmonious and devoted people will realize, that they who sow in tears shall reap in joy.

3. *St. James' Church at Vandalia, Ill.*, which had no pastor at the date of our last report, elected the Rev. N. Aldrich, who accepted the call, and entered upon his duties on the first of December, 1874. He met with a very cordial reception from the members, who seem anxious to do all they can to make his stay among them permanent. He reports that the attendance at Divine service has increased, and mentions as a hopeful sign, the large number of young men found among the audience, as also a greater number of strangers. He had received four adults to membership, and expects soon to form a catechetical class. A systematic plan of giving has been introduced, and has been favorably received. A Church Guild has been formed of such ladies

of the congregation as will take upon themselves the duty of visiting and relieving the poor and sick, encouraging the careless and indifferent to attend the services of the Church, and gathering children for the Sunday school. The school contains fifteen teachers and about one hundred scholars, quite a number of whom have no religious training, except what is given here. Instruction in the Catechism is given to the whole school by the pastor on the first Sunday of each month. The missionary reports greater unity among the membership, and greater willingness to co-operate in all that looks to the strengthening of the Church, but that continued labor and patience are required to build up the congregation and make it self-sustaining.

The *German Lutheran Church in Atlanta, Ga.*, was served with a good measure of success by Pastor Koeberle, of the Iowa Synod, during a portion of the past year. The new church which has been erected by his untiring labors, was consecrated to the service of God, the Rev. Pastor Heckel, of Nashville, assisting in the consecration. The principal debt remaining on it was paid by collections which were made by the missionary in Savannah, Augusta, and other places in Georgia, so that the congregation is now provided with a neat and comfortable church edifice. To the great regret of the Committee, Pastor Koeberle, owing to family considerations, was compelled to accept a call to Illinois, since which time the congregation has been vacant, notwithstanding all the efforts of the Committee to secure a suitable successor.

5. *The Chattanooga German Mission.* The effort to establish a congregation among the Germans of this city, we are sorry to say, has not been crowned with the success which the commencement of the undertaking seemed to warrant. The condition of the German population, demoralized by the war, by long years of neglect by the Church, and by the working of anti-Christian and secret societies, proved on trial to be very unfavorable to the establishment of a truly Lutheran Church. But a principal difficulty experienced by the Committee, was the incompetency of the missionary for this difficult post. His sacrifices and exertions, though very great, and gratefully appreciated by the Committee, could not make up for the lack of other qualifications, which were absolutely necessary to a missionary in this important city, and that there might be no longer a useless outlay of funds, he was notified of the withdrawal of further aid before the close of the year. The Mission is now vacant, and it will be the aim of the Committee, if possible, to procure a suitable laborer, so that by the Divine blessing a Lutheran Church may yet be organized on a basis of enduring success.

6. In addition to sustaining the above named missions, aid was extended, mainly through the efforts of the chairman of the Committee, to a number of missionaries laboring in different States, by sending them boxes of clothing and household goods for the use of their families. These boxes were made up principally by the ladies of the following churches, viz., Trinity, N. Y.; St. John's, Easton; St. John's, Allentown; Trinity and St. James', Reading, and Trinity and Zion's, Lancaster, Pa. The goods thus contributed were sent to ministers in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Tennessee, and their estimated value was upwards of $1,200. They were very thankfully acknowledged by those by whom they were received, a number of whom were great sufferers on account of the destitution in their fields of labor, caused by the grasshopper and other plagues. It was a source of great gratification to your Committee to be the means of affording this relief, which was so timely and so much needed, and which saved the families of the recipients from much suffering and distress.

The following is a statement of the Mission work of the District Synods:

THE MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Twelve Missions have been supported by the Executive Committee of the Ministerium, and ten by the Board of Philadelphia City Missions, five of the latter being German, four English, and one Scandinavian. In addition to these several others have been sustained by the Conferences. These Missions are Doylestown and Dublin; St. Paul's, Norristown; Cogan Station and Jersey Shore; Whitehaven—four congregations; St. Luke's, Reading; Germania—three congregations; Shenandoah—two congregations; St. John's, Wilkesbarre; Lyken's Valley—three congregations; Millville, N. J.; Narrowsburg, N. Y.; Weatherby and Rockfort; and in Philadelphia—St. Peter's, St. Stephen's, Christ Church, St. Paul's, St. Peter's (German), Immanuel, St. Michael's, St. Thomas', Trinity, and the Scandinavian Church. They have been served during the year by the Revs. J. Fritz, C. H. O. Pracht, H. Eggers, J. H. Schmidt, F. K. Huntzinger, J. H. Voss, J. Gruhler, F. F. Buermeyer, M. B. Lenker, J. Leonberger, J. H. Wilken, F. T. Hennicke, B. H. Hunt, E. T. Horn, W. K. Frick, C. F. Welden, W. Hasskarl, A. T. Geissenhainer and C. S. Clausen. Several stations, during their vacancy, have also been served by students from the Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. At Doylestown the basement of the new church building has been completed, and is now in use, and the congregation have resolved to finish the church, for which $1,200 are needed, one-half of which has been subscribed. The con-

gregation at Whitehaven has so increased in membership as to have decided to sustain its own pastor, the missionary taking charge of the three other congregations of the Mission. The growth in membership at St. Luke's, Reading, has been so great as to require an enlargement of the church. This improvement has been made at a cost of $2,000, of which $1,200 have been provided for. At Frackville a new church was consecrated last October. At Wilkesbarre a beautiful church was consecrated in August, 1874. It cost $8,000, and the lot on which it stands $4,200 more. Of these amounts a debt of $6,000 still remains unpaid, which is a great hindrance to the progress of the Mission in this important city. At Lyken's another new church has been erected, costing $3,500, nearly all of which has been subscribed. At Narrowsburg, N. Y., a new school house is to be built.

In the city of Philadelphia the operations of the past year have not been characterized by rapid progress, owing to the general depression in business pursuits, the inability of the congregations to furnish means adequate to the work, the need of permanent pastors at several of the Missions, and the want of church buildings in certain localities. St. Peter's congregation, in the southern part of the city, being unable to meet the payment of the mortgage falling due April 1st, were compelled to give up their chapel, and are now worshipping in a hall. Gratifying progress, however, is reported in other respects. Thirteen catechumens, instructed by C. E. Houpt, of the senior class in the Seminary, were confirmed on Easter Sunday, and 300 teachers and scholars are enrolled in the Sunday school. At St. Stephen's, in West Philadelphia, the progress has been slow but steady. The beautiful little chapel, standing on a valuable lot 100x190 feet, was enlarged to accommodate the increasing congregation, but a debt of $12,000 still rests upon the property. Christ Church, Chestnut Hill, has seriously felt the pressure of the times, and carries a debt of $3,500, but the membership is active and progressive. At St. Paul's, in the northern part of the city, commendable progress has been made. A Ladies' Aid Society, a Young Men's Bible Class and Young Men's Society are maintained. The great need of this enterprise is a church building. A small beginning in the way of subscriptions to secure this desirable object has been made, but a large sum is yet required before it will be attained. St. Peter's Church (German) has severely felt the financial pressure, but still its prospects are encouraging. The cost of the church property was $5,212. The debt of St. Michael's is being extinguished through a plan of systematic beneficence. It is the largest of the German Missions, but its progress has been hindered from the fact that it has had no regular pastor since December last. St. Thomas' Church,

Germantown, is also dependent on a supply, and is encumbered with a debt of $1,500. It is situated in the neighborhood of quite a large German population, and its growth would be more rapid could a pastor be secured who could give his whole time to the work. Trinity Church, at Rising Sun, has recently secured the services of Rev. H. T. Duenzing, who aided in supplying it during his Seminary course. St. Paul's German congregation have offered to purchase a lot for this enterprise, and a considerable amount has already been subscribed towards a building. With a church built and paid for, the congregation will be self-sustaining. The Scandinavian congregation formerly worshipping in old St. Michael's Church was divided, and a part, consisting of 28 members, called the Rev. C. S. Clausen, who accepted the call, and holds service in St. Mark's Church. During his pastorate, extending over a few months, 50 new members have been added, making in all 78 members, of whom 52 are Danes, 18 Swedes, and 8 Norwegians.

A large number of children were baptized during the year by the missionaries, and a very gratifying increase in the membership made by confirmation. The reports do not all state how many have thus been received, and we, therefore, cannot give the total number. The Synod has paid $5,373.75 for the support of these Missions, and $1,100 to the Treasurer of the General Council's Executive Committee on Home Missions. The whole amount expended on the Home Mission work was $6,473.75.

THE NEW YORK MINISTERIUM.

The Executive Committee of this body has had under its care and direction fourteen mission congregations during the past year. They are Rochester English, Rochester German, Utica, Troy, Webster, Boonville, Yonkers, North Hillsdale, Tarrytown, Ellenville and Gorham, all in New York State, Pittsfield, Mass., and Newark, N. J. They have been served by the Revs. S. C. Kohler, E. Heydler, J. C. Schouer, F. Gossling, C. R. Gerndt, J. Peterson, L. König, U. Berner, W. R. Buhler, B. Kunz, W. Lauer, J. D. Hager and L. H. Gerndt. With the exception of the congregation at Newark, N. J., all these missions are reported to be in a flourishing condition. The Protestant chaplaincy on Ward Island, made vacant by the death of the Rev. G. A. Schmidt, has been again supplied by the appointment of the Rev. L. H. Gerndt.

In the absence of a specific report, we cannot give a detailed statement of the work in the various missions. The New York Ministerium has an extensive field, and many new congregations might still be organized within its bounds. In many of its most populous cities,

where large and flourishing German congregations have existed for years past, no efforts are made to establish English churches, and hundreds of young people are annually lost to the Church by reason of this neglect. Is it not a solemn duty to make such provision for the rising generation, that they can attend upon the ministrations of the sanctuary conducted in accordance with the faith and practice of our loved Church, in a language which they can best understand? The loss to our communion in this country for the want of English churches is immense, and any policy which ignores it is wrong. The New York Ministerium, with its large roll of communicant members and its great resources, is capable of doing very much in all the different departments of Church work, and can exercise a wide and lasting influence by laying the foundation for such enterprises now.

THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Fourteen missions, comprising twenty-one congregations, have been sustained by the Synod during the year. They are located at East Liverpool, Bethel, Good Hope and Trenton, Ohio; Tidioute, Corry, New Lebanon, Springdale, Natrona, Pittsburgh, Butler, Kittanning, Franklin, Dempseytown, Zollersville and Pigeon Creek—Washington county, Greenock, Braddocks, Ridgeway, Reynoldsville and Glendale, Penn'a. They have been served by the Revs. W. F. Ulery, P. Born, M. Kughler, D. McKee, J. Q. Waters, J. K. Melhorn, J. A. Kribbs, S. W. Kuhns, J. S. Lawson, S. Munsch, J. Brenneman and C. Jaeckel. Assistance has also been rendered by different pastors in the Synod, and by several of the students from the Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. At Corry the congregation has been re-organized, and steps taken to secure a lot and building. At New Lebanon the prospects are fairer than for a number of years. The Kittanning mission has made most gratifying progress. Seven years ago, when the present pastor took charge, "the congregation numbered 36 members, with an indebtedness on their unfinished church of $5,341." Since then, "$2,943 have been expended in finishing and repairing the building, and $4,591 paid on the debt and for interest," and an effort is now being made to pay off the remainder The membership has increased to 114 communicants. A few more years of such work will transfer the mission to the list of self-sustaining pastorates. At Reynoldsville a new congregation has been organized, a lot secured, and the erection of a church building begun. Through the efforts of Mr. G. H. Gerberding, of the Senior Class of the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, another new enterprise has been started about three miles from Pittsburgh, where a lot has been obtained and a building contracted for, the corner-

stone of which is to be laid on the coming Lord's day. Although all the missions do not present the same encouraging degree of progress, and more gratifying results have been reached in preceding years, yet the earnest, self-denying Missionary President, and the faithful missionaries, have labored with zeal and efficiency. Much land, however, remains to be possessed, and there is still room for great improvement in the liberality of the congregations in their contributions to this work. The territory occupied by the Synod is large, comprising all that part of Pennsylvania lying west of the Allegheny Mountains. Into many of these districts no missionary has yet been sent, but by earnest and continued labor all the waste places will be reached.

The Synod has expended in this work $1,467 98, on its own territory, and has paid to the General Council's Executive Committee $515.13; making a total amount of $1,983.11.

DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

Four missions have been sustained during the year—Columbus, Lima, Alliance and Zanesville; the first, jointly in connection with the General Council's Executive Committee on Home Missions. They have been served respectively by Revs. H. Peters, L. H. Geschwind, J. L. Smith and W. P. Ruthrauff. All have had their difficulties to contend with, and yet all have been attended with a gratifying measure of success. The condition of the Columbus mission is given at length in the special report of your Committee. The Lima mission has been afflicted with a law suit, through which they were threatened with the loss of their church property. Though it was happily ended in their favor by the decision of the lower court, yet they are prevented from occupying their house of worship, by an appeal to the Supreme Court made by the opposition. Notwithstanding this trouble, the congregation remains united, and has increased in numbers. The little band at Alliance experienced considerable annoyance from fanatical zealots in the community, who censured them for not joining in their unscriptural and extravagant methods of reforming society, and still greater anxiety on account of financial troubles. They have succeeded, however, in maintaining their ground, and have been blessed with a number of accessions to the membership. At Brush Creek, one of the churches of the Zanesville mission, the unhappy differences which had caused a division in the congregation, have been removed, and the two parties are again "harmoniously united, to the great joy of many whose hearts were deeply saddened by the alienation so long existing." At the city of Zanesville the results have not been what the earnest missionary expected, nevertheless the attendance upon the preaching of the Word

has increased, and here, as at Brush Creek, a number of additions has been made to the list of communicants. The four missions report 47 new members received during the year.

THE AUGUSTANA SYNOD (SWEDISH).

A remarkable degree of activity has been displayed by this rapidly growing Synod. Besides attending to the spiritual wants of the congregations situated in places where large bodies of Swedes are settled, it has undertaken the hard task of ministering to those scattered throughout the length and breadth of the land. In pursuance of this object it has commissioned missionaries to visit different sections of the country, and carry the Word and Sacraments wherever settlements of Swedes could be found. In the fall of 1874 the Rev. P. Ericson was sent to Florida, where he found two settlements—one at Melonville and one at Lake Jessup. The joy of the people was great indeed, when they were once more permitted to have the services of their church in their own language. Bro. Ericson also visited Atlanta and several other places in the South. During the same time the Rev. S. P. A. Lindahl was commissioned to make a mission tour through other parts of the South. He visited Memphis, Tenn., Water Valley, Miss., New Orleans, and Austin, Texas, in all of which places he found many of his countrymen. He was followed over the same route at the beginning of the present year by the Rev. L. A. Hocanson. He spent three and a quarter months in this work, and organized two churches, one in Austin, Texas, and another in Brushby, about fifteen miles from Austin, both of which were received into connection with the Synod at its last convention. They are at present served by the Rev. J. A. Cavalin, of Minnesota. The missions at Memphis and Water Valley are supplied by students from Augustana Seminary. The Rev. T. N. Winquist labored for nine months in Colorado Territory. He prosecuted his work with great difficulty, visiting his countrymen scattered among the mountains. A congregation was organized at Denver. More recently the Rev. C. P. Rydholm has been visiting the different places in the same Territory. The population in this field is so fluctuating, that there is not much prospect at present of establishing permanent congregations, but the services of a travelling missionary are greatly needed. In the autumn of 1874, the Rev. J. Auslund was sent on a mission tour to the Pacific coast, and spent five months journeying from place to place. He preached at Laramie, Wyoming Territory, Salt Lake City, Utah, and San Francisco, California. In the latter city he found about two thousand Swedes, and the prospects of building up a permanent congregation there are very promising.

The Rev. C. P. Rydholm is now going over the same route, and gives favorable reports of his work. He expresses the opinion that if Christian schools could be established in Utah Territory, not a few of the children of Mormon parents could be reclaimed for the Lord and the Church.

In addition to this general work, each of the five Conferences of the Synod, has taken as much care as possible of the destitute field within its own boundaries. In several of the Conferences the ministers act rather as travelling missionaries, than as settled pastors, and by their efforts very many congregations are provided for, until regular pastors can be obtained.

This is certainly a very gratifying exhibit, and shows what devotion and zeal can accomplish. The toilsome journeys and self-denying labors of the various pastors of the Synod have been greatly blessed to the good of souls, and help to account for the very rapid increase in the communicant membership of the Augustana Synod. And doubtless the whole Church will see the fulfilment of the promise that "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

The amount expended on the mission work of the Synod was $4,002.34.

CANADA SYNOD.

Six missions were sustained by the Canada Synod during the year, viz., Ottawa, Denbigh, Morrison, New Dundee, Egmondville and Bayfield, and Sullivan. They were served by the Revs. K. Graepp, W. Baumbach, S. Poppen, A. Vockrodt, and G. Schambach. They comprise quite a large number of congregations, scattered over a very wide extent of country. The settlements of Germans in this large field are situated at great distances from each other, necessitating toilsome travelling on the part of the missionaries. Application was made by the Synod for additional laborers from Germany, and in response to their appeal, the Rev. G. Bastian is expected to enter upon the work. Though it is gratifying to note this addition to the number of missionaries, yet the great want of the Synod is yet unsupplied. The call is still for more ministers to relieve those already overburdened with too great labor, and to go into the outlying districts and gather into the Church the families of emigrants living in the newer settlements.

The amount expended on the above named missions was $725.

TEXAS SYNOD.

A travelling missionary has at length been secured, to labor among the settlements of Germans in this large State; and it is confidently

expected that great good will be accomplished through his work, in visiting and ministering in the Word and Sacraments to those who are widely scattered, living at remote distances from the centres of population, and holding them in the Church until congregations can be organized and ministers sent to them. The institution of learning established by the Synod a year ago, and through which it was hoped young men could be trained for the ministry, to supply destitute fields, has met with peculiar difficulties at the very commencement of its career, and for the present at least, has had to be abandoned. It is earnestly to be desired that this check to the Synod's progress is only temporary, and that the brethren may soon be able to re-open the institution. They greatly need the assistance of the Church at large, and should not be left to toil unaided in the great State which they occupy.

INDIANA SYNOD.

Since the acceptance by the Rev. M. J. Stirewalt of the call extended to him by the Augusta charge, no general travelling missionary has been secured for the State of Indiana. So much good was accomplished in supplying vacant congregations, gathering and organizing new ones and procuring pastors for them, by those who were employed in this work heretofore, that the Synod has resolved to place another travelling missionary in the field, as soon as a suitable man can be obtained. A number of vacancies are reported as still existing, which ought to be supplied at once.

The Olney mission in Illinois, in charge of the Rev. J. M. Long, and sustained by the Synod, is reported to be in a flourishing condition.

There is a large number of important towns and cities in Indiana and the counties of Illinois bordering on it, where new enterprises for our Church should be begun as speedily as possible. The brethren of the Indiana Synod have shown commendable zeal and activity, in the energy with which they have prosecuted the cause of missions within their bounds, but much ground yet remains to be possessed, which can only be occupied and retained for the Church, by patient continuance in the work.

Report of Treasurer of Home Mission Fund.

THOMAS H. LANE, *in account with Home Mission Committee of General Council.*

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1874.	To cash per		
Dec. 30.	Rev. F. Richards, from D. M. Fox, Burlington, Mich.....	$	1 90
"	" Dr. Passavant, from Sunday school Rev. S. Wagenhals		20 00

1875.			
Feb. 1.	" Enoch Smith	$	2 00
	" S. Laird, collected for the Chicago Mission—		
24.	C. Neff		50 00
May 6.	P. P. Keller, N. Y		25 00
12.	John S. Heyl, Philadelphia		100 00
	Chas. H. Baker, Jr		100 00
	Mrs. M. Riter		10 00
	Clarence K. Binder		10 00
	A. W. Potteiger		50 00
June 12.	St. John's Church, Philadelphia, from Mission, Tract and Book Society		250 00
	Rev. A. T Geissenhainer, from Pennsylvania Synod		600 00
	" Samuel Laird, collected by him for Chicago Mission—		
	C. A. Heinitsch		20 00
	W. G. Baker,		5 00
	B. F. Saylor		50 00
	G. D. Sprecher		25 00
	W. D Sprecher		10 00
	H. Rathvon		25 00
	Mrs C. Keller		5 00
	Charles Rugan		10 00
	S. A. Bispham		10 00
	Reuben Miller,		10 00
	J. G. Fortney		2 00
	Rebecca Nolty		1 00
	J. C. Hagar		25 00
	J. F. Selner		20 00
	Rev. Dr. Greenwald		10 00
	Mrs. C. A. Kinzer		10 00
	Cash		5 00
	Mrs. J. A. Neuman		5 00
	Mrs. D. Poppal		10 00
	J. W. Miller		10 00
July 31.	N. Ellmaker, Esq		25 00
Aug. 5.	P. P. Keller, New York		25 00
9.	W. L. Piper		100 00
Sept 15.	Member of St. Matthew's Church, New York		100 00
20.	Wm. P. Weyman, from Pittsburgh Synod		515 13
			$2,252 03
30.	Balance overdrawn		1,167 97
			$3,420 00

1874.	Cr.		
Oct. 13.	Balance overdrawn, as per former statement rendered		$728 44
	By cash paid		
	Rev. E. Belfour, Chicago Mission		2,000 00
	" J. L. Hirschman		100 00
	" H. Peters		225 00
	" Th. Koeberle		50 00
	" N. Aldrich		150 00
	Travelling expenses Rev. S. Laird whilst collecting for Mission Fund		36 75
	Interest on borrowed funds		47 29
	" " "		82 52
			$3,420 00

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer of the Home Missionary Committee of the General Council, and find it correct.

A. Lange,
D. M. Armor,
Auditing Committee.

The report was received.

The Constitution for Congregations.

The Secretaries were instructed to print in the Minutes the Constitution for Congregations, reported by the Committee appointed to prepare it, and to indicate in the printing what has been adopted by the Council. (See Appendix B.)

The Rev. E. Carlson was granted leave of absence.

On motion, it was resolved that the Convention be closed with the session this evening.

Adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. S. Fritschel.

Tenth Session.

TUESDAY, October 12, 7 P. M.

The session was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. Telleen.

The minutes were read and approved.

Home Missions.

The consideration of the report of the Executive Committee on Home Missions was resumed. The action taken at the last Convention was renewed, as follows:

Resolved, That the Council renews its request to the District Synods, to pay promptly to the Executive Committee on Home Missions, the one-fifth of their contributions to the Home Mission cause.

Resolved, That the Vice-Presidents of this body be especially requested fully to bring this matter before their respective Synods.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee on Home Missions be instructed, to make special appeals to the members of the Lutheran Church, for means to aid them in carrying on the Mission work.

The report of the Executive Committee was then adopted.

Executive Committee on Home Missions.

The Council proceeded to elect a Committee to serve for the ensuing year. Rev. A. E. Frey and B. F. Saylor were appointed tellers to conduct the ballot, who reported the election of the following persons:

Revs. W. A. Passavant, G. A. Wenzel, J. K. Melhorn, E. Smith and S. Laird, and Messrs. T. H. Lane, A. Lange, D. M. Armor, L. Kim and William W. Wattles.

Trustees of the General Council.

Rev. E. Carlson and Messrs. Lewis L. Houpt and Peter P. Keller were elected Trustees of the General Council in the place of those whose term expires, to serve for three years.

Relief Associations.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to prepare "such plans of charitable aid and mutual assistance through the Church and Relief Associations in connection with it, as may most effectually provide for the bodily wants of the suffering and needy," reported progress, and asked for further time, and on motion, were continued to report next year.

Thanks.

The following resolution of thanks, offered by Rev. J. F. Fahs, was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the pastors and congregations of Galesburg, who have entertained the delegates to this Convention, for the generous hospitality which they have extended; and also to the Pennsylvania, the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroads, for the favor of reduced fare allowed to delegates travelling over their roads.

Minutes.

It was resolved that one thousand copies of the Minutes be printed in English and German, to be sent to the ministers in connection with this body.

The minutes of this session were read and approved, and the Convention adjourned.

Closing Exercises.

The President led the closing exercises. The Litany and Litany Collects were used, and the first and second verses of the 274th hymn were sung, after which the Benediction was pronounced.

SAMUEL LAIRD,
English Recording Secretary of the Council.

APPENDIX A.

Charter, Constitution and By-Laws of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society.

Printed for Examination.

CHARTER.

WHEREAS, a number of citizens of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, desire to associate themselves together for the purpose of purchasing ground and erecting thereon Lutheran Churches, and of being made by law competent to purchase and hold in a corporate capacity, real estate, and do and perform such other acts as may be required for the purpose of carrying out the full and true intent of the proposed organization. *Therefore:—*

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That Jos. A. Seiss, C. P. Krauth, W. J. Mann, J. A. Kunkelman, A. T. Geissenhainer, A. Spaeth, B. H. Hunt, W. A. Passavant, Wm. L. Schaffer, Jno. R. Baker, S. Gross Fry, Paul P. Keller, W. W. Kurtz, Dan'l M. Fox, P. A. Keller, Geo. K. Zeigler, J. W. Grubb, John Rommel, Jr., Franklin Byerly, Frederick Graff, H. H. Muhlenberg, and Thomas H. Lane, of Pennsylvania, and G. F. Krotel and Peter P. Keller of New York, and J. A. Roof and G. G. Beck of Ohio, and G. A. Dobler of Maryland, and such others as may become associated with them and their successors, be and they are hereby created into a body corporate in deed, and in law, by the name, style and title of *The Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society*, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and shall enjoy all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities incident to a corporation, shall be capable of sueing and being sued, of impleading and being impleaded in all the Courts of record and elsewhere, shall have and use a Common Seal, the same to alter or renew at pleasure; of ordaining and enforcing all ordinances, regulations and by-laws necessary, convenient or proper for conducting and governing its affairs, provided the By-Laws and ordinances shall not be inconsistent with the laws of the United States or of this Commonwealth.

SEC. 2. Any regular member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church may, with the approval of the Board of Managers, become a member of the Society by contributing at the rate of at least ten dollars per annum towards its object.

SEC. 3. That any twelve of the corporators named, shall meet as soon as convenient after the passage of this Act, and organize by electing by a majority of the votes cast, (each person being entitled to but one

vote) a President and fifteen Managers, and who shall be elected annually, on the fourth Monday in January thereafter, who shall elect a Secretary and a Treasurer, and shall have power to appoint all necessary officers and fix their duties and compensation.

SEC. 4. That the control, management and administration of the affairs of the Corporation shall be vested in the President and Board of Managers, and they shall have full power to purchase or lease estates, real, personal or mixed, or to take or receive donations of the same by will or otherwise, with the right to sell, lease or convey the same to congregations or others as they may deem advisable, and also the right of incumbering the same by judgment, mortgage or otherwise, for the purpose of erecting Churches, Chapels, Missions or Institutions of Learning, and they shall have full power to enter into contract for the purchase, sale or lease of real or personal property, as well as for the erection of Churches, Chapels, Missions or Institutions of Learning, provided, that the annual income from the real estates held by the Corporation shall not at any time exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

SEC. 5. That the said Corporation shall have the power and authority to borrow such sums of money, at a rate of interest not exceeding seven per cent., as they may from time to time require for the purpose of building Churches and other similar Institutions, and may give receipts or evidences of indebtedness, or other legal obligations therefor, to the parties advancing or loaniug such sums, provided that no obligation be issued for a less sum than one hundred dollars.

SEC. 6. That no funds accruing to the Society shall ever be divided among the members, or applied to any other purpose than for the legitimate object for which the Society was incorporated.

JAMES H. WEBB,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WILLIAM A. WALLACE,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED, the eighteenth day of February, anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

JNO. W. GEARY.

Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 20th, A. D. 1871.

PENNSYLVANIA, *ss.*

[L. S.] I do hereby certify, that the foregoing and annexed is a full, true and correct copy of the original Act of the General Assembly, entitled AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE LUTHERAN MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY, as the same remains on file in this office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Secretary's Office to be affixed, the day and year above written.

F. JORDAN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

CONSTITUTION.

I. Board of Managers.

1. The Board of Managers shall consist of the President and fifteen members, who shall be elected by the Society annually, on the fourth Monday in January.
2. The duties and powers of the Board are those specified in sections 4th, 5th and 6th of the Charter.
3. The Board shall elect all necessary officers; fix their duties and compensation; and appoint all committees.

II. General Committee.

The General Committee shall consist of
1. The Presidents of the District Synods belonging to the General Council.
2. The officers of the Board of Managers.
3. One person representing each of the languages used in the General Council, to be appointed at each meeting by the President of the General Council.

III. Boards of District Synods.

1. Each District Synod shall elect —— clergymen and —— laymen, who shall constitute the Board of Managers for that Synod.
2. Said Boards shall be auxiliary to the Parent Board, and shall under its direction, have charge of all the interests and work of Church extension within the Synod.
3. Each Board shall see that the amount asked of the Synod, by General Committee, is divided among the pastoral charges according to their circumstances and ability, and, in connection with the Synod, take all necessary measures to secure at least the amount asked, and also special donations and bequests to the Loan Fund.
4. Each Board shall carefully examine all applications for aid from within the bounds of Synod, and recommend only such as are found to be truly needy and meritorious. It shall keep a faithful record of its proceedings, and of the amounts asked for and received each year from the charges, and make a full report of the same at the annual meeting of the Synod, and also to the Parent Board.
5. The officers of each Board shall be a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.
6. The Treasurer shall remit all funds coming into his hands to the Treasurer of the Parent Board, at least every three months.

IV. The Loan Fund.

1. The Loan Fund shall consist of donations by individuals, congregations, or synods, held in trust by the Board of Managers, which may be loaned temporarily, upon such terms and conditions as shall be agreed upon.
2. No part of this fund shall be donated for any purpose, or used for

current expenses, but shall be preserved, without diminution, a perpetual fund.

3. Sums of one thousand dollars and upward, contributed by any one person, persons, church or synod, may be named by the contributor, and shall constitute a separate Loan Fund.

V. The Annuity Fund.

1. The Annuity Fund shall consist of sums entrusted to the Board of Managers for the use of the society—by persons, to whom an annuity, equal to a reasonable interest, on the amount given, shall be paid during their lifetime, the annuity to be paid annually, semi-annually, or quarterly, as the contributor may desire.

BY-LAWS.

I. Board of Managers.

ART. I. MEETINGS.

1. The regular meeting of the Board shall be held on the fourth Monday of each month.

2. Special meetings may be called by the President, or by three members of the Board.

ART. II. OFFICERS.

1. The officers to be elected by the Board at the meeting in January are a Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

2. The President shall preside at all the meetings of the Board, be *ex officio* a member of all committees, have the right to vote on all questions, and shall sign all drafts on the treasury, and such other official documents as the Board may authorize or require.

3. The Vice President shall take the place of the President in his absence.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Board under its direction, and shall besubject to the authority and control of the Board, by whom his salary shall be fixed and paid. He shall see that the rules, by-laws, and orders of the general committee, and of the Board, are strictly observed and faithfully carried out. He shall report to the Board, monthly, all matters claiming its attention; prepare the annual report, and make such an exhibit of the affairs of the Board as shall be necessary for the use of the general committee.

5. The Recording Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Board and of the general committee, shall sign all drafts upon the treasury and such other official documents as the Board may authorize or require.

6. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Board, pay all drafts duly signed, keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements, and report the same to the Board monthly. He shall be subject to the Finance Committee and to the Board with reference to all deposits, loans, and other financial affairs of the Board, and

shall give such security for the faithful performance of his duty and for the funds of the Board, as the Board may require.

ART. III. COMMITTEES.

1. All standing and special committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.
2. The standing committees shall be, the Executive, the Finance, the Application for aid, and the Loan Fund.
3. These committees shall be appointed at the meeting in January, and shall continue to serve until their successors are appointed.
4. The Executive Committee shall, unless otherwise specially propided for, procure all preparation of all contracts, plans and specifications, and make purchases on account of the Board, but no contract or vurchase shall be made unless approved and authorized by the Board.
5. The Finance Committee shall have general supervision of the finances, examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer, and report at the stated meetings of the Board.
6. The Committee on Applications for aid shall carefully examine all applications, and all documents relating thereto, report each case to the Board, with recommendation to either grant or decline the aid sought.
7. The Committee on the Loan Fund shall, in connection with the Corresponding Secretary, seek to awaken an interest throughout the Church in the work of this society, secure contributions from individuals, congregations and synods, and receive applications for loans, which after full examination, shall be reported to the Board, with the approval or disapproval of the Committee.

ART. IV. RULES CONCERNING APPLICATIONS AND LOANS.

1. No District Board shall ask for aid beyond the amount authorized by the General Committee for that synod.
2. No pastor or agent shall go beyond the bounds of his own synod to solicit aid for any church, unless by permission of the Board of Managers of the society.
3. Loans may be made for the erection of churches, or the purchase of lots, at the discretion of the Board of Managers, provided two-thirds of the members present shall favor the loan.
3. Loans may be made to such parties only as do, or will belong to some Conference or Synod in connection with the General Council of the Lutheran Church in America.
5. All loans made shall bear interest after three years, the rate to be determined in each case by the parties, and shall be secured by first mortgage on the lots and buildings thereon erected.
6. In the case of each District Synod, the amount which may be paid of the sum appropriated to it, shall be in exact proportion to the amount paid by the Synod, of the sum asked for.

ART. V. ELECTIONS.

1. All elections shall be by ballot, unless by unanimous consent, when the vote may be taken *viva voce*.

ART. VI. CERTIFICATES.

1. Whenever a subscription is made to any particular enterprise, under the auspices and management of this Board, conditioned for the repayment of the same at some future time, either in cash or otherwise, as may be specified in the subscription, the Treasurer is authorized to issue certificates to that effect, under the corporate seal of the society, according to the forms that may be prescribed by the Board of Managers.

ART. VII. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The order of business shall be—
(*a*) Prayer.
(*b*) Calling of the Roll.
(*c*) Reading of the Minutes.
(*d*) Report of Treasurer.
(*e*) Report of Corresponding Secretary.
(*f*) Report of Standing Committees.
(*g*) Report of Special Committees.
(*h*) Uufinished business.
(*i*) New business.
2. Five members with, or six without the President, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except in the sale or transfer of property, when a majority of the whole Board shall be required.

ART. VIII. AMENDMENTS.

1. Any amendment or alteration of these by-laws may be made at any meeting of the society, either on its own motion, or at the suggestion of the Board of Managers.

II. General Committee.

ART. I. MEETINGS.

1. The General Committee shall meet at the time and the place of meeting of the General Council.
2. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.
3. The committee may call upon any one of its members to preside.

ART. II. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The order of business shall be—
(*a*) Organization.
(*b*) Prayer.
(*c*) Reception of the report from the Board of Managers.
(*d*) It shall determine the amount which shall be called for from the District Synods during the ensuing year.
(*e*) It shall determine the amount which may be appropriated and loaned during the year to each District Synod.
(*f*) What amount may be applied to general specific purposes, not included in the above.
(*g*) Make recommendations concerning the Loan Fund.
(*h*) Miscellaneous business.

APPENDIX B.

Report of the Committee appointed to prepare a Constitution for Congregations.

CONSTITUTION

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION BY

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS.

[The section printed in *Italics* has been adopted. All the rest of the document remains to be acted on.—SEC.]

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST:

We members of the Church of Christ, forming a Congregation under the style and title [name of Congregation], [name of locality], unite in the establishment of the CONSTITUTION hereinafter following, as a statement of common rights, and a covenant of mutual duties as Christians, IN ORDER *to promote* our own growth in Holiness and to aid others in all things good; *to sustain* by the labor and gifts of love the pure Word and Sacraments as God's only appointed means for saving the lost and for edifying His people; and to *maintain* a discipline which shall aid in securing purity of doctrine, righteousness of life and the peace and growth of the Church.

ARTICLE I.—1. *This Congregation receives and adheres to the canonical books of the Old and New Testament, as the revealed Word of God and the only rule of faith and life, and to the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, especially the Unaltered Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Catechism, as a correct and faithful exposition of the Divine Word, to which rule and confessions all instructions in the Church, the schools and family shall be conformed, and by which all questions of doctrine shall be decided; and with which all books of worship and instruction in the congregation shall accord.**

2. It shall be in union with a Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, whose doctrinal basis is in accordance with Art. I. 1, and IV. 3, of this Constitution.

ARTICLE II.—1. This Congregation shall consist of the Pastor or Pastors, and other members of the Church of Christ, who have been baptized and admitted to the Lord's Supper, and who unite themselves as one communion under this Constitution, by accepting the same and conforming to the duties it enjoins; and also such baptized members of their households as have not yet reached the years of separate responsibility, and are subject by God's ordinance to their control, as parents or guardians.

2. All these members, so far as their years and spiritual fitness

* Adopted at the Sixth Convention of the General Council.—Min. 1872, 17.

allow, have a *right* to the employment and use of the means of Grace provided for in the Congregation, and to the faithful observance towards them of the duties which pastors, officers and other members of the Church owe one to another.

3. It is the duty of all members of the Congregation to be steadfast in the baptismal covenant, and if they be parents, early to bring their children within the same. In ripening years they are to grow in the knowledge and grace of God, diligently to study Holy Scripture, and devout books which accord with it, to seek the light and aid of the Holy Spirit, and all other needful gifts, by fervent prayer, to examine themselves, to receive the Lord's Supper faithfully, and if possible, whenever it is celebrated, and regularly to use the ordinances of public, family and private devotion. They should be temperate in all things, should avoid all associations of an infidel or dubious kind, or which claim for themselves what God has given to his Church alone, should love and aid each other, and especially the needy and distressed, in every relation ; and while they have regard to the household of faith even in things secular, should care for the souls aud bodies of men everywhere. They should avoid all false teachers, and love, reverence. pray for, and heartily sustain faithful ministers ; and should in all things be conformed to the mind and example of our most blessed Master and Saviour.

Article III.—1. Every male member of the Congregation, not under Church censure, twenty-one years of age, who, as he conscientiously judges God hath prospered him, regularly contributes in accordance with its plans of local support, and general beneficence, shall be entitled to take part in all its *meetings*, and to *vote* at all its elections.

The voters of the Congregation, inasmuch as they act as the representatives of common rights, should duly weigh the wants, convictions and wishes of all members of the Congregation.

2. Congregational Meetings may be held regularly, as the Congregation may determine, and Special Meetings may be called by the Pastor, or by a majority of the Council, or at the request of one-third of the voters, submitted in writing, with a statement of the object and with their signatures, to the Pastor, or during a vacancy, to the Council. They shall be duly announced, with a statement of their object, and shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.

3. At Congregational Meetings any questions connected with the welfare of the Congregation may be discussed, information called for from the Pastor, Council, or others; and business attended to, as ordered in the Constitution and By-Laws.

4. The Congregation has power to appoint *Special Committees* with definite or general instructions, to permit the organization of approved societies, within itself, subject to its control, to elect or authorize the Council to elect delegates to Synod from the number of legal voters ; and to attend to all business for which it has not made other provision in the Constitution.

Article IV.—1. The permanent and ordinary offices of the Congregation shall be the Pastorate and the Diaconate.

2. The *Chief Officers* of the Christian Congregation are named in

the New Testament: Pastors or Shepherds, Bishops, Presbyters, or Elders, and as they that have the rule in the Lord, all which names designate one and the same class of officers, whose dignity, rights and general duties are under Divine appointment the same, and are inalienable and unchangeable.

3. Every Pastor of this Congregation must, at his ordination or installation, be obligated to the Confession of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, namely: the Apostles, the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, the Augsburg Confession, the Apology, the Schmalcald Articles, the Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, and solemnly promise to perform the duties of his office in conformity with the same, as a pure and correct presentation of the doctrine of Holy Scripture.*

He shall be or become a member of the Synod with which the Congregation is united. He shall sign the Constitution of this Congregation, and faithfully carry out the duties it assigns him.

4. It shall be the duty of the Pastor, as the *Teacher* and *Spiritual* guide of the flock, prayerfully to study, and to hold and teach the pure truth of God's Word, and to set in public and private, an example of unfeigned holiness, sound judgment and propriety.

He shall conduct the public service of God's House on the Sundays and other festival days of the Church year; shall allow nothing in the music of the Church in conflict with devotion; shall permit no one to occupy the pulpit of whose soundness in the faith confessed by the Lutheran Church there is reason to doubt; shall carefully instruct the young and all others needing it, in the Catechism; shall watch over the Sunday school and other schools of the Church; shall confirm those who, having been duly instructed, give satisfactory evidence that they are earnestly desirous of being faithful followers of Christ. He shall baptize publicly, except in special cases, and all private baptisms shall be publicly announced. He shall administer the Lord's Supper to all those of whose desire to come to it he has been notified, and of whose fitness, both as to faith and life, he is satisfied, as also, if he shall judge best, to members unable from age or sickness to come to the House of God, and to communicants who may desire to participate with them. He shall be active in the work of a Pastor, most of all among the poor, the sick, the sorrowing, and among all those whose spiritual estate specially demands his care. He shall perform the marriage ceremony in strict accordance with the laws of the State and of God; shall use the burial service for the dead who die in the fellowship of the Church; shall earnestly urge and carry out the discipline; shall promote all wise plans of Christian beneficence and effort; and shall labor to prevent all deadness and fanaticism, all schism, heresy, separation and alienation in the Congregation.

5. It shall be the duty of the Pastor, as an officer of the Church, to preside at all meetings of the Council and of the Congregation, unless he be voluntarily absent, or is temporarily unwilling for special reasons to preside, in either of which cases he shall have the right, if he so desires, of nominating a person from the Officers of the Church to take his place.

All public statements of excommunication and restoration shall be

* Minutes of Council, 1872, 17.

made by him, and no excommunication or restoration shall be pronounced which he conscientiously believes to be contrary to God's law and the discipline of this Church. No official act of the Council or Congregation shall take effect without his knowledge, and his having an opportunity of being heard; and during a vacancy in the pastorate, or in the involuntary, or necessary absence of the Pastor, no business in the Congregation or Council shall be finally disposed of, of such a character that the Pastor as a chief officer in the Church has a right to be heard in it.

6. Charges against a Pastor of heresy, immorality, or of other causes of unfitness for his office, shall not be received by any member except in the presence of two or three members of the Congregation, competent to be witnesses. If these thus hearing a charge regard it as, for any reason of importance, they shall make it known to the Pastor. If in conference with the Pastor, he or they shall think it necessary, it shall be laid before the Church Council. If the Council, its member ripest in years presiding temporarily, shall regard it best, after an investigation, in which the Pastor shall have the fullest rights of a hearing, the case shall be laid before the President of Synod, to be acted upon in accordance with the Synodical Constitution.

7. The Pastor shall keep a *record* of his ministerial acts in the Congregation in a book to be by them provided, and to remain their property. He shall make a full record of the Baptisms, infant and adult, of Confirmations, of the times of Communion, and the number of Communicants, with a complete list of the same, of persons received from other Congregations, and of persons honorably dismissed, of persons excommunicated, and of the time of their restoration, and of marriages, burials, and other items which he shall deem of importance, in the history of the Congregation. All these shall be so recorded that, if necessary, they may be available as legal evidence.

8. When there is a *vacancy* in the Pastorate, the Council shall inform the President of the Synod, and solicit his advice, shall see to the supply of the pulpit, shall nominate, after prayerful examination, a candidate who is eligible, according to Art. IV. 3, and who has the necessary gifts, bodily and spiritual, purity of Christian character, sound judgment and personal activity. One candidate only shall be nominated at one time, to be voted for or against, by the electors specified in Art. III. 1, and the election and its returns shall be under the care of judges.

9. When a Pastor has been elected by a majority of the legal voters, an official written statement of this fact signed by the officers of the Church, shall be sent him, and this shall constitute his *call*, and should specify the support guaranteed him.

Article V.—1. The *Deacons* are primarily the executive aids of the Pastors in the work of Christ for and in the Congregation, and may have assigned them any duties, in keeping with this object, and with the divine and unchangeable duties and rights of the people and of the Pastors. They must be regular communicants, of good and established repute for personal character, wisdom and energy. They shall be installed, with the laying on of the Pastor's hands. They may elect from their number a Treasurer and Secretary, and, if needed, assistants to both.

2. Their *duties* are of such a nature as to leave the Pastor, as nearly as may be, unobstructed time and energy for the directly spiritual part of his official work, and also to aid him in that work by their counsels and co-operation. They shall attend to the collection and disbursing of moneys, given by the Congregation for the relief of the poor, and for the objects of Christian beneficence; shall see that the Pastor has a sufficient salary and that it be promptly paid; that the House of God be kept in repair, and in a condition fitting the Sanctuary of the most High; that it be opened and prepared for public services at the times appointed, and that proper sextons and others of like functions be provided; that strangers or occasional attendants be courteously received; that it be not diverted to any uses alien to its character; that the proper vessels and elements be provided for the Sacraments; that the graveyard and all other property be secured to the Congregation in conformity with the law, and be placed under the proper regulations; and that in common with all the members, yet pre-eminently they, be ready to take part, especially at the call of the Pastor, in the visitation and care of the sick, the needy, the bereaved, and the distressed, and in the maintenance of pure discipline and a holy life in the Congregation, most of all by being themselves ensamples of all good works.

ARTICLE. VI.—1. The *Council* of the Church consists of the Pastor or Pastors and the Deacons, as the constitutional executive officers of the Congregation. Trustees required by law for the holding of Church property, may be chosen from the Council.

2. *Senior members of the Church*, men regarded by common consent as of long approved character for piety and wisdom, shall be consulted by the Pastor and Council, especially in serious cases of discipline, and may be invited, or by a resolution of the Congregation in any special case, may be nominated, to be present and give their advice at the meeting of the Council at which it is to be determined.

ARTICLE VII.—1. Inasmuch as the care of the *young* is one of the most important duties of the Congregation, the religious education of the children of the Church should be provided for, not only at home, but in good schools, and Church members should avoid all schools under Roman Catholic, heretical or infidel influence, or which are of a negative character.

2. *Sunday Schools* and *Parochial Schools* shall be under the control of the Congregation, and their constitution and acts are to be subject to its discipline and direction.

ARTICLE VIII.—1. The Congregation is not only to acknowledge the obligations of God's law as a guide of life, and a corrector of evil, but is faithfully to use it, in discipline, for these ends. The discipline of the Church must be purely moral and spiritual, and in no case can pass beyond the withholding of her recognition, fellowship and communion from offenders.

2. Violation of the Divine commands should be followed by instruction, warnings and exhortation by a member to whom the wrong is known, or by the Pastor, first privately, then before witnesses. This failing of its proper effect, the case shall be laid before the Church, as represented in the Pastor and other Officers of the Congregation, and if the offender persistently refuses to hear the Church, he shall be sus-

pended from the communion till there be credible evidence of true penitence and reformation. Acts of discipline and the publication of them, shall require the concurrence of the Pastor and Deacons, who by the authority of the Church and in its name shall examine charges brought by reliable witnesses against the conduct of members. The charges against a member shall be given to him in writing; he is entitled to be present through the whole actual procedure against him, and has the right of being heard and of producing testimony in his own defence. The suspension and restoration may be publicly announced, where the scandal has been very great and open. Questions of appeal from the decision in the discipline of the Congregation shall be referred in accordance with the Constitution of the Synod with which it is connected.

Article IX.—1. By-Laws, not in conflict with the letter or spirit of the Constitution, may be made by each Congregation, to provide an order of business, to fix the time and place for announcing and holding Congregational Meetings and Elections, and the way of conducting both; to determine the proportion which shall constitute a quorum; to fix the age at which men may be chosen as Deacons, and the length of the time of service, whether for life or for a limited term; to establish and direct Parochial and Sunday schools; to fix the details of procedure in the discipline of members; to regulate the making and changing of the By-Laws themselves, and in general to conduct all things, whose general principles and methods are defined in the Constitution, but whose details are undetermined.

2. *Amendments of this Constitution*, not in conflict with its fundamental principles as defined in article I. 1, and IV. 3, may be made by the Congregation, by a vote of two-thirds of its legal voters, after due announcement and deliberation.

Statistics of the District Synods.

SYNODS.	Organized.	Ministers	Congregations.	Communicants.	Time and Place of Next Convention.
1 Ministerium of Pennsylvania	1748	184	366	75,127	Reading, Pa., Trinity Sunday, 1876.
2 Ministerium of New York	1787	69	67	25,194	Lyons, N. Y., June 22, 1876.
3 Pittsburgh Synod	1845	59	119	9,967	Altoona, Pa., August 29, 1876.
4 District Synod of Ohio	1857	27	59	6,500	Greensburg, Pa., August 3, 1876.
5 Michigan Synod	1858	23	30	3,200	Marshall, Mich., September 30, 1876.
6 Augustana Synod (Swedish)	1860	103	246	33,265	Jamestown, N. Y., June 24, 1876.
7 Canada Synod	1861	23	63	6,394	New Hamburg, Ont., June 7, 1876.
8 Texas Synod	1851	29	25	3,300	Zionsville, Texas, May 7, 1876.
9 Indiana Synod	1871	16	39	2,025	Vandalia, Ill., September 28, 1876.
10 Holston Synod	1861	14	26	2,750	Luther Chapel, Sullivan County, Tenn., August 24, 1876.
1 German Synod of Iowa	1854	110	180	12,200	—— —— —— 1877.
2 Norwegian-Danish Augustana Synod	1860	14	49	6,000	Lelland, Ill., June 3, 1876.
		671	1,269	185,922	

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OF THE

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GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
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THE Tenth Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America was held in Grace Church, Bethlehem, Pa., Rev. J. B. Rath, Pastor. It was opened with Divine service, on Thursday morning, October 12, 1876, at 10 o'clock, at which time the annual sermon was preached by the President, the Rev. C. P. Krauth, D. D., LL. D., after which the Holy Communion was administered.

First Session.

THURSDAY, Oct. 12, 2 P. M.

The devotional service of the first business session was conducted by the President.

The roll of Synods was called, the certificates of delegates were handed in, and their names entered upon the

ROLL OF THE COUNCIL.

I. German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States.

MINISTERS.	LAYMEN.
Rev. E. Greenwald, D. D.,	Mr. L. L. Houpt,
" C. P. Krauth, D. D., LL. D.,	H. H. Muhlenberg, M. D.,
" B. M. Schmucker, D. D.,	Mr. H. Lehman,
" A. Spaeth, D. D.,	" J. Endlich,
" J. Fry, D. D.,	" C. Pretz,
" J. A. Seiss, D. D.,	" C. D. Norton,
" C. W. Schaeffer, D. D.,	" J. B. Zimmerle,

Rev. J. A. Kunkelman,
" S. K. Brobst,
" J. B. Rath,
" F. J. F. Schantz,
" H. Grahn,
" J. T. Vogelbach.

Mr. J. Reichard,
L. K. Stein, D. D.,
Mr. G. Heins,
" W. H. Staake,
" S. Gerhard.

II. Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York and Adjacent States and Countries.

Rev. W. Hoppe,
" C. Volz,
" E. F. Moldehnke, D. D.,
" L. Halfman,
" J. Ehrehart,
" P. Krug,
" A. E. Frey.

Mr. F. Schack,
" W. Hauff,
" N. Conrad,
" E. C. Koerner,
" O. N. Betjmann.

III. Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. S. Laird,
" W. A. Passavant, D. D.,
" G. A. Wenzel,
" J. Sarver,
" J. K. Melhorn,
" D. M. Kemerer.

Mr. O. Saeger,
" L. Kim,
" S. J. Beck.

IV. Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio.

Rev. G. W. Mechling,
" J. Weber,
" J. H. Smith.

Hon. G. W. Overmyer,
Mr. J. W. Keffer.
G. G. Beck, M. D.

V. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Michigan and other States.

Rev. S. Klingman.

VI. Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod. Swedish.

Rev. A. Andreen,
" H. O. Lindeblad,
" J. W. Kindborg,
" J. Telleen,
" C. O. Hultgren,
" A. P. Monten.

Mr. M. Pierson,
" A. Johnson.

VII. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada.

Rev. E. Wurster,
" C. F. Spring.

Mr. H. Vandersmissen.

VIII. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas.

IX. Indiana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. N. Aldrich,
" J. J. Kuntz.

X. Holston Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D.

With Privilege of Debate.

I. German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa.

Rev. S. Fritschel.

Other Clergymen Present.

The names of the following visiting clergymen "who are with this body in the unity of the faith as defined in its Fundamental Principles," were given to the Secretaries:

Rev. C. W. Groening,
" W. S. Emery,
" F. W. Weiskotten,
" A. Schultes,
" J. W. Rumple,
" J. Nicum,
" J. K. Plitt,
" N. Wirt,
" H. Hafermann,
" H. N. Fegley,
" J. Q. Waters,
" J. J. Cressman,
" A. H. Bartholomew,
Rev. J. H. Fritz,
" E. Smith,
" W. K. Frick,
" G. A. Bruegel,
" J. Q. McAtee,
" Prof. T. L. Seip,
" F. W. Conrad, D. D.,
" B. Sadtler, D. D.,
" R. E. McDaniel,
" G. D. Foust,
" F. C. C. Kaehler,
" W. Wackernagel.

The President read the following report:

President's Report.

Beloved Brethren:

The official correspondence of the year presents the following items, which may require your consideration:

I. CASTLE GARDEN MISSION.

1. Letters have been received from Rev. Robert Neumann, dated Oct, 13, 1875, and Sept. 20, 1876, containing various complaints.

2. A letter from Mr. Chas. J. Nehrbas, Secretary of the Committee, dated Dec. 3, 1875, informed us of the resignation of Rev. H. Raegner, of New York City, and of the appointment of Rev. J. H. Baden, of Brooklyn, in his place.

3. A letter from Mr. Chas. J. Nehrbas, March 10, 1876, conveys his own resignation. (Doc. I.)

II. EXCUSES FOR ABSENCE.

1. A letter dated Sept. 27, 1876, from Rev. E. Norelius, Vasa, Minn., asks that he may be excused from attendance, on the ground of ill health.

2. A letter dated Sept. 28, 1876, from Rev. J. G. Lieb, President of the Synod, begs that he may be excused from attendance on the ground of the heavy expenses of the journey, and expresses the warm affection and best wishes of that body for the General Council.

3. A letter dated Oct. 6, 1876, from Rev. C. H. Thomsen, German Secretary of the Council, asks that he may be excused in consequence of ill health. (Doc. II.)

III. REPORTS OF SYNODS.

1. The letter of Rev. J. G. Lieb, President, and two letters from Rev. E. Haber, Secretary of the Synod of Texas, send the most recent statistics of that body.

2. An extract from the Minutes of the Synod of Michigan has been handed in. (Doc. III.)

IV. PULPIT AND ALTAR FELLOWSHIP.

The action of the Council at Galesburg in regard to Pulpit and Altar Fellowship* was so much misunderstood as to make it desirable in the judgment of many of the brethren, that the President should make an official statement of his impressions as to the true character of that action. After the appearance of this statement the President wrote to the chairman of every delegation which appeared at Galesburg, and received from them the uniform reply, that the official statement coincided with their own impression as to the character and meaning of that action.

C. P. KRAUTH.

BETHLEHEM, PA., Oct. 12, 1876.

The Council then proceeded to the *election of officers* for the en-

* Minutes, 1875, p. 17.

suing year. Rev. D. M. Kemerer and G. Heins were appointed tellers.

The Rev. C. W. Groening, of Germany, for a number of years a missionary of the Lutheran Church in India, was introduced to the Convention by Dr. Schmucker.

On motion, the *Minutes of the last Convention* were referred to a committee.

It was resolved to hold the business sessions from 9 to 12 o'clock in the morning, and from 2 to 5½ in the afternoon.

Dr. Moldehnke gave notice that the delegation from the Ministerium of New York would present a paper in reference to *Pulpit and Altar Fellowship.*

The business pertaining to *Foreign Missions* was made the order for Friday afternoon.

Monday morning was appointed for the consideration of all documents relating to the action of the General Council at Galesburg on the subject of *Pulpit and Altar Fellowship*, and the Committee on the Minutes of the District Synods were instructed to present so much of their report as refers to this subject at that time.

On motion, the *report of the Treasurer*, J. A. Geissenhainer, Esq., was read and received, and with the accompanying documents referred to the following *Auditing Committee*, viz., W. H. Staake, F. Schack and J. Reichard.

The tellers reported the election of the following

Officers.

President, ...	Rev. C. P. Krauth, D. D., LL. D.
German Recording Secretary, .	Rev. H. Grahn.
English Recording Secretary, .	Rev. S. Laird.
English Corresponding Secretary,	Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D.
German Corresponding Secretary,	Rev. G. A. Wenzel.
Swedish Corresponding Secretary,	Rev. J. Telleen.
Treasurer, ...	W. H. Staake, Esq.

The roll of Synods was called, and minutes and documents intended for the action of the Council were handed in.

On motion, the *Minutes of the District Synods* were referred to a committee consisting of one delegate from each Synod.

Rev. S. K. Brobst was appointed German Recording Secretary *pro tempore.*

Dr. Moldehnke presented a pamphlet prepared by a clergyman connected with the New York Ministerium, in reference to the oppressed condition of our church in Germany, whereupon it was

Resolved, That inasmuch as a document on *the oppressed condition of the brethren of our faith in Germany*, has been handed in, that a committee be appointed to take that subject into consideration, and propose suitable action in reference to it by this body.

The report of the Committee on *Relief Associations* was made the order for Saturday afternoon.

The report of the Executive Committee on *Foreign Missions* was read and received, and action on it deferred until Friday afternoon.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. Hoppe.

Second Session.

FRIDAY, Oct. 13, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. W. Hoppe.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

The President announced the appointment of the following Committees:

Committee on President's Report.—Revs. C. W. Schaeffer, G. A. Wenzel, H. O. Lindeblad and J. H. Smith, and Messrs. G. G. Beck, L. Kim and E. C. Koerner.

Committee on governmental oppression of our Church in Germany. Revs. E. F. Moldehnke, W. A. Passavant and E. Wurster, and Messrs. G. Heins and W. Hauff.

Committee on Minutes of District Synods.—Revs. B. M. Schmucker, J. Ehrehart, D. M. Kemerer, G. W. Mechling, S. Klingman, J. W. Kindborg, N. Aldrich and A. J. Brown, and Messrs. H. Vandersmissen, G. W. Overmyer and H. Lehman.

Committee on Minutes of Last Convention.—Revs. W. Hoppe, J. A. Kunkelman and J. Telleen, and Messrs. J. B. Zimmerle and O. Saeger.

Mr. Lewis L. Houpt was appointed Treasurer *pro tempore.*

Constitution for Congregations.

The order for the morning, the consideration of the report of

the committee appointed to prepare a constitution for congregations, was taken up. The discussion on the second section of the first article, which was under consideration at the time of adjournment of the last Convention, was resumed.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, who, in conjunction with the German Secretary, shall revise the German translation of the Constitution for Congregations presented by the committee.

Art. I, Sec. 2, and Art. II, Sec. 1, were adopted.*

Art. II, Secs. 2 and 3 were amended and adopted.*

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. N. Aldrich.

Third Session.

FRIDAY, Oct. 13, 2 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Dr. Fry.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

Messrs. E. C. Koerner and O. N. Betjmann were excused from attendance until Monday morning.

The order for the afternoon was taken up.

Foreign Missions.

Report of the Executive Committee.

The Committee would present a general narrative of the affairs by giving, in their order, selections from the

LETTERS OF THE MISSIONARIES.

RAJAHMUNDRY, 20th October, 1875.

REV. DR. J. FRY, Reading, Pa.:

Dear Brother in the Lord—In due time I received your kind letter, with bill of exchange. We hope that you will be able to send us one more this year and one in the beginning of next. I mean that we can have them here about that time. It would be bad if we had to trust in money alone; and still we cannot do without it, and also in mission work it is apparently a powerful agent. Our Baptist neighbors, of the Canada Society, have lots of money. They almost buy our people, and I am sorry to say, that many cannot withstand the temptation. A teacher whom we paid 7 Rs. a month, but whom we excommunicated for adultery, they accepted and pay him 20 Rs., almost three times as much. Now they have five or six missionary families

* See Appendix A.

in our field, and one family lives in Samulcottah. And why? Because the General Council will not or cannot send us missionaries.

You must not think that we despair. Oh, no! We are not tired of our work, and intend to remain in harness so long as we only can bear the harness. The Lord has called us, and he knows for what purpose, and I could not wish to be in another place than this. His doings are always right. However, I cannot take it as a comfort when a Baptist missionary said that people still were the fruits of our work, even if they took them, and when the Lord once will come to judgment, he would give us the crowns for those converts, and not them. I have not come to India for crowns. If the Lord will use me for the salvation of sinners, I shall be glad. But I rejoice, because it was the Lord who brought me here. I hope and expect that he will take me, just as sure, from here to his home.

Dear Mr. Groening mentioned in a letter to me some time ago, that he intended to come to America. But as he has a large congregation, I fear the Prussian government will not easily give him leave. However, as he preaches in German, Danish and English, I should wish it so very much. I do not doubt his visit would do much to increase the interest in our mission in our churches. I like this plan very much, and have written to Brother Groening to spend at least a month in America. He takes a great interest in this mission. Perhaps one or some of his sons may also become missionaries.

I am building a mission boat, as I am unable to study or do much mission work. If that is finished, I perhaps may be fit for war again.

With much love from us all.

Yours in the Lord, H. C. Schmidt.

Rajahmundry, 9th November, 1875.

Dr. J. Fry:

Brother in Christ — Since I last wrote you, I went out, in August, on a preaching tour (entirely to heathen) for several days. I came home for my wife's confinement, which took place September 2d, when we were blessed with a son, whom we in baptism gave the name of Aage Ivar Poulsen. In the beginning of October, I went out again on a similar mission tour, but in another direction towards the mountains. Humanly speaking, I regretted that tour. We were out just for a week, but were overtaken by rain coming from the jungles, and a week after our return I, my servants, and native preachers, all got fever. They had it coming on and leaving them, but I had a most severe fever for nine days and nights without the least break. Although it is now a fortnight since I have had no return of this horrible jungle fever. I am so weak that I only can walk by a stick, and first to-day I have begun to have our boys an hour for instruction. Even my horse has been sick since I came home, and I can only expect that it will die, which not only will be a loss to me of money (150 Rs. I paid for it), but it has been such a valuable mission assistant on my tours. My grass cutter, the wife of my horsekeeper, died from this fever the other day. She was an old woman, and you cannot help them if they are heathen, because they go to their own stupid native doctors, who tell their fever patients they must starve, and in

that way actually starve them to death. If I had not got broth and the most nourishing food that could be had, I had died myself. My horsekeeper left me directly, having fever, but I told him if he would come he need not do anything, but I would give him nourishing food, but no, he would not.

As I did not exactly go into the jungles, I had no idea that I ran such a risk, else I had, of course, not gone there that time of the year. I have at another time of the year been in some of the places I visited. This peculiar fever has something to do with the moon. I got it at full moon, and it is very likely that I shall get a return next full moon.

Yours in Christ, J. K. Poulsen.

Velepore, 27th November, 1875.

Rev. and Dear Brother Fry:

You see that we are out in the district again. We enjoy it very much, and the Lord has graciously kept us free from fever. My wife, was, however, unable to accompany us to other villages, as she got a sore foot in walking five miles to this place. I walked the other day eight miles, but that was more than my strength would allow, and I was entirely used up yesterday. It is a great thing that the Lord has restored us so far. However, I am looking forward anxiously to some action of the General Council towards helping our mission. If you send another missionary, I think we might go on courageously and hoping for results.

A few days ago I met one Baptist preacher, and the day afterwards another, visiting our Christians here. They come constantly, and an ordained minister is now placed a little to the south from here. What I wish to hear is, that a few of our ministers have made up their mind to stand up for this mission as long as they live, and no doubt the work will go on—it must go on. I shall never believe that a meeting of the General Council ever can agree to give up this mission to Baptists, except they sleep in case the question should be put: All in favor of it say "Aye." But as the meeting is in October the heat will not make them sleepy, like here, and one single man is quite sufficient to keep off indifference, if that one man is in real earnest. (You will remember Father Heyer in 1869, at the Synod in Reading.)

"They are rather curious people whom the Lord has under his care," said a farmer who lived near my home. I must say that missionaries are curious people too. They constantly cause confusion among the heathen, and I almost think they get so used to it that they sometimes also cause confusion among Christians, and even overstep the line between order and confusion themselves. But one ought not to be too hard at them for that. I hope the Lord will often excuse this overzeal also. Wishing you and your family a blessed season,

I remain, yours sincerely, H. C. Schmidt.

Madras, 26th January, 1876.

To the Ex. Com. of the Synod of Penn'a.:

Rev. and Dear Brethren—You will perhaps be astonished to see me write from Madras. It is now about eleven months that I have had

fever. I always hoped that the cold season would restore me, but I have been disappointed. About the end of last year and the beginning of this I was laid up with fever every second day, and the doctor advised me to leave the district at once, and to go to Madras at least, if not to some distant seaport. He always told me that I would not get rid of the fever except going home or to Singapore or Australia. But as that would be so very expensive, and take me so far away from my work, I have gone to Madras. I am glad to say that I have had no return of fever since I left Rajahmundry, and if all goes on in this way we may perhaps return in a month or so.

Some of the young men, who are supported by the Sunday schools, were employed as teachers, but we placed others in their stead, as you will see by the changing of the names. Among other repairs, I had to build a new staircase and the north verandah of my house. From the taxing of our houses, you would suppose that brother Poulsen's house would be twice the size of mine. But this is not the case. I think the difference originated from my house being so much out of repair at the time of the last taxing. In my house is even room for visitors, of which we had a good number last year. When we left Rajahmundry another missionary came there for medical aid, and he and his family took possession of our house. Since then two more missionaries have arrived, as there is very little hope that he can live. In all there are seven persons in our house. The old missionary's words to me were, "Remember me kindly to Mr. Groening when you see him." He supposing that I, after all, had to go home.

European life in India is so very different from that at home. One European enters another European's house as if it were his own, and he who goes leaves his things behind as if they belonged to others as well as to himself. We live here in the Leipzig mission house, and feel quite at home, and the furniture we use belongs to a missionary who is in Germany. All is yours, but ye are Christ's.

Many thanks for your kind letter of December 8th, 1875, with Draft No. 5,483 for $500. It came after I had written the account of last year, and I have therefore transferred this sum to this year's account. Besides this we shall require at least $2,500, and in case our churches collect more, $3,000 would not be too much, as I will have to ask you for some assistance on account of my travelling expenses now. The catechist's houses were not re-roofed last year, and must be this year.

I heartily thank you for your feeling of sympathy with us. We have had a year of great trial. However, we cannot feel otherwise than thankful towards the Lord, and we have no reason to regret to have lived such a year in India. I trust the Lord will allow us to stay longer in the field. Grace and peace with you all.

Yours, affectionately, H. C. Schmidt.

Rajahmundry, 23d February, 1876.

Rev. J. Fry, D. D.:

My Dear Sir—During the last three months we have had our usual nice climate, and, therefore, been out a great deal of the time on mission tours, and on account of brother Schmidt's illness and absence, I have also had his part of the village congregations to attend to.

My wife, with our children, has been out with me for a week. We came in this morning, after travelling yesterday fourteen miles. I often wish that the climate and one's strength were so that we could travel much more than it now is possible. But the greatest comfort is to know that the victory is on our side, as Christ himself is with us. The gospel knowledge is spreading wide. I do not think we can easily find a village in which there are not many who know about Christ. But, alas! how few are the villages in which there are even a very few who have taken it to heart. We may often hear, even from the upper classes, the confession that this is the only true religion, but in most instances, even the very name of Jesus is a stumbling stone. I will only give one instance of this. In a village, a magistrate seeing me standing at a little distance preaching, invited me and brought a chair out in front of his court for me. There were all his court people and many others. They began a discourse about "the one God, the Supreme Being," as they say; but every time the name of Christ was mentioned they used a very contemptuous word (answering to, fy!). To this I only said that as I knew that I here was speaking to gentlemen, I was surprised to hear such a word as that. After that our message was quietly delivered.

I wish you would tell some of the young Christ-loving pastors or students, that if He calls them to a missionary's work, He calls them to a good work and a noble work. I am very sorry for any church in which the mission interest seems to be small, because I think that the more we look upon the church of Christ as a whole, and upon the end of it, that it must embrace all non-Christian people, the more we must exert ourselves in bringing it to them. As far as I know there is no want of interest for the kingdom of God in our Lutheran Church in America, but it is more among their own, and although I know that there is plenty of work there, it seems to me to be a little too narrow-hearted, and the time will never come when there will not be plenty to do for faithful servants of the gospel at home; and must we, therefore, wait and not go abroad and call the sheep which are of another fold? If we out here only would attend to the convert's spiritual welfare, and wait till *we could see* that they were all true children of God, we should never get time to preach to the heathen.

Yours in Christ, J. K. Poulsen.

Rajahmundry, 11th April, 1876.

Dear Brother Schmucker:

We came home again a few days ago. Our friends think I look much better, and the doctor said I should only have stayed away a little longer. But we really were tired of Madras. We stayed at first at the Leipzig mission house, but when the four missionaries who left their mission on account of Missourian views, came with their families to go to America, their house became too small, and we had to rent another one, which was not very comfortable. We are, therefore, right glad to be at home again, and only wish the fever would stay away. * * *

I hope Mr. Groening will be able to go to America, and that he will be successful in reviving the mission interest among our people.

However, we trust in the Lord that His work here will go on anyhow. It is His. The Leipzig Society has sustained a severe blow in losing four of their missionaries on account of Missourian doctrines. At present the Leipzig Mission is at the lowest ebb it ever has been. One of their most zealous missionaries said to me that it had given up every hope that the Lutheran Church would ever be established in India, and he added, "If it is not the will of the Lord, what shall we say?"

It seems that people in Germany are amused to hear that our mission costs so very little every year. However, that is no reason why it should be despised. Send only six men more and you have a staff as large as the Leipzig Society has, and afterwards you may, if you like, employ a staff like theirs at home.

With much Christian love, yours, H. C. Schmidt.

Rajahmundry, 6th August, 1876.

To the Executive Committee:

Rev. and Dear Brethren — It is just six years since I arrived at Rajahmundry. It is, therefore, most natural that I should think about the changes, and perhaps progress also, which is effected by the grace of God under the sphere of my observation. Nothing is nearer to ourselves than our own person, and one feels inclined to follow one's own egoism and begin with himself. However, in this respect, I can only praise the grace of our Lord, who has done great things, who has given his blessing every day, and not let me stand ashamed in any efforts of whatever I attempted to his honor during my labors here. If I examine myself I can only join in the conclusion to which the mission agents came, when they were gathered in my room a few days ago. They all said that they were not qualified for their posts. However, I encouraged them, and said, that it was my opinion that we had selected the best suited of our Christians, and that their strength should be in the Lord.

With regard to our mission, I heartily rejoice in several changes which the Lord has wrought. We have, at present, no poor supported by the mission. The care of the Christian children does not devolve upon the missionaries, but the parents feed and clothe them, and send them to school. They certainly look much poorer and even dirtier than in other mission schools and chapels where they are clothed at mission expense. Our Christians have also commenced to contribute regularly to the support of the native church. The number of Christians has not increased largely, nor the number of agents. The increase has not been much larger than the decrease by death and by joining the Baptists.

I do not regret that our mission is so poor. It is remarkable that even periodicals in Germany point out that the whole mission costs only about $3,000 a year. What would they say, if they knew that the General Council has not spent $1,000 this year, though almost two-thirds of the year are gone.

I have now finished my boat; it only wants painting, &c. We were out in it on the day of my anniversary (4th August). The steamer towed it up the river some distance to a village, where we went up to

preach, and returned in the afternoon. I am thankful to the Lord that he gave success to the building of the boat. The expenses, about 600 Rs., are covered by a small house, which I had at Dowlaishweram, and by moneys received for photographs. As I have taken the trouble of building the boat, and also solely have been responsible for the costs, I wish that it may be understood that the $40 annually granted by your Committee, go for the keeping of a man as captain of the boat. The boat shall be used for mission work only, and especially up the Godavery, but I have the sole management of the same, and in whatever dispute with regard to the other mission property may arise, I wish to be looked upon as the owner of the boat. I think this remark may just as well be said now. In my letter of twenty months ago, not thinking of building the boat myself, I said such a boat should be in possession of the mission. I mean about the same also now, only that I am the owner as long as I live. When brother Poulsen and myself are travelling in the boat, we have to pay four boatmen, and it is, therefore, evident that we get no personal advantage by the above $40, neither does it cover expenses for the boat. But the boat will afford us a shelter, and allow us to visit any village on the water courses in this district, which we could not do otherwise.

Both at the boat and, at present, at the church, are some Christian young men working. I have established a kind of industrial school in native manner, and hope that the Christians may benefit by it. I have seven Christian apprentices for carpenter, blacksmith and bricklayer work. Quite different from America, all Christian boys here want to become preachers. They think it is a shame to labor. To destroy that idea, I often stand with my shirt sleeves tucked up and work amongst them. It is not an industrial school for which I want work, but I have work for which I want and for which I have got the industrial school. It is, therefore, uncertain whether I shall keep the school longer than the work, though it would be a great benefit. Besides, I do not even call it an industrial school.

On my table are lying two reports, one of the Church Mission at Ellore, and one of the "American Evangelical Lutheran Church in India." Rev. C. W. Groening commenced the work in Ellore. The present senior, Rev. F. N. Alexander, is he who had charge of our mission before it was transferred to the General Council. He says in his report: "I hope the day is not far distant when we will have a Missionary Bishop over this part of the Lord's vineyard, and *then* we shall see a rapid extension of church organization, and the church will get welded together for the great and noble work of converting the whole nation to the church of the true and living God."

At Ellore are generally three missionaries and one native pastor. The report shows seventy-six communicants, thirty-seven agents and three hundred and ninety-two baptized Christians. This mission costs about ten times what the General Council contributes to their mission.

The Guntoor Mission — With regard to them we cannot nearly bring our numbers to equal theirs. They have four missionaries, two native pastors and fifty-seven agents, and received last year from their Board $13,000.

There is no doubt a great deal more of activity displayed at Guntoor than here, and also at Ellore. The fact that such sums of money were

required to carry on the work and the number of Christians on roll, clearly prove that. The Guntoor brethren report 2,835 members. They baptized last year 375, but they had also to exclude 214.

Rev. and Dear Brethren, the above is the quintessence, though I hope, not the best of what I have thought about at the anniversary of my arrival here. To you, it perhaps would be a comparative report of our mission. It tells us clearly that our mission stands behind for lack of energy. We cannot boast, and we must be ashamed as Lutherans, with our pure doctrine, to have so little life. But downcast we need not be, because the Lord has wrought great things, and he will do more. We will try to do more, and we ask you also to do more. Please send our moneys more regularly and if possible, in advance, and above all, try to get more missionaries.

Our greetings and love in the Lord to you and all who remember us, with our best wishes for the success of the General Council.

Yours, as ever, H. C. Schmidt.

In our Boat, 19th August, 1876.

Dear Brother Schmucker:

I believe I have now got rid of this bad fever. You see from the date that we are out in our new boat "Dove of Peace." I am sure that it will prove a great boon to our work. Brother Poulsen is with us. The boat is about forty feet long and twelve feet broad. In front is the large cabin, with seven windows and skylight, which Mrs. Schmidt and I occupy on this trip. Then comes the bath room, next a dining room, which brother Poulsen now uses. Then a cabin for the catechists and evangelists, and last the kitchen. It is made of selected teakwood. We have never travelled as comfortably as this time, and we are able to do more work. I am almost certain that the boat will be much in use. Nobody believed in me as a shipbuilder, my good wife not excepted. But I am now almost proud of my success. However, I know well who has been my helper, and that all honor belongs to Him. I shall never forget how often the Lord heard my prayers and helped me to overcome every difficulty. When I commenced the building in my yard, every one said I could not get it brought down to the river, about one mile distant. And when I also caulked the boat, before moving it, they predicted that this would be all for nothing, as the boat would be shaken so much on the way down to the river. And when the day appointed for launching the boat came, I had a bad attack of fever. Early in the morning I commenced with one hundred men. Large beams were fastened across the vessel, trees were cut down which stood in the way, and a gate and part of the fence were also removed. But I did not superintend much of the work. At eight o'clock I had to lie down and to remain in bed all day long. Poulsen was not at home, but my wife informed me from time to time how they got on, and I gave my orders from my bed through her. At four o'clock the boat stood in the water, and not a drop of water in her. You can hardly think how thankful I felt to the Lord. Many times has the work been interrupted before the cabins and all were finished. But on the 4th of August we tried the boat and found it answer well. It will be the missionaries' home

for a good part of the year, and we have selected the dove with the fresh olive leaf as the sign under which we sail. Our flag is red with the white cross, and when the heathen saw it at the first village we reached they interpreted it as the sign of the crucified. The Lord grant that the Dove of Peace with the green olive leaf may be the means of bringing to many Christ and him crucified.

I hope that dear Mr. Groening will be able to come to America, and that he may be the means of increasing the interest in our mission in our churches. We are glad that the Synod did not show any signs of willingness to shake off this mission as a burden. I think this would be a shame, and of no benefit to the work. But why should the papers copy proposals of such ministers as have such wish?

And now our kindest regards. Yours, H. C. Schmidt.

These letters contain as full a statement of the progress and condition of the Mission as your Committee is able to present.

Scholars supported by Sunday Schools.

The financial accounts of the Mission show moneys paid for the support during the past year of the following:

Partial support of a teacher by St. John's Church (German), Phila. Support of Wm. Schaeffer by St. Michael's, Germantown; Lazarus, St. Peter's, New York City; Peter, Zion's, Rochester; Paradazy, Trinity, Reading; Andrew, St. James', Reading; Charles, Erie S. S.; William, Rev. Isenschmidt's S. S., Wilmington; James, Rev. J. B. Fox, Emlenton.

Financial Account.

Expenditures in India for 1875.

General Expenses of Mission.	Rs.	As.	Ps.
Deficit from 1874	140	6	5
Salary of missionary, H. C. Schmidt	2293	0	0
" " Iver K. Poulsen	2293	0	0
Travelling expenses of Rev. H. C. Schmidt	51	0	0
" " " Iver K. Poulsen	33	0	0
Salary of two Catechists	480	0	0
Travelling expenses of do	23	3	3
A teacher's pay from Sun. School of St. John's, Phila	70	0	0
Support of eight scholars	350	0	0
Repairs to dwellings, church, &c	253	14	10
Taxes on houses and grounds	51	13	1
Postage	9	12	0
	6050	1	7
This amount is in gold here			$2,637 80

School Account of Rajahmundry Mission.

Cr.	Rs.	As.	Ps.	*Dr.*	Rs.	As.	Ps.
Balance from 1874.....	295	9	8	Pay of Rev. Poulsen's teachers.....	246	4	0
Teacher's pay from St. John's S. S., Phila.....	70	0	0	Travelling expenses of do.	5	5	0
Subscription of F. Brandt, Esq.....	40	0	0	Pay and travelling expenses of Rev. Schmidt's teachers.....	464	8	0
Subscription of J. Kelsale, Esq.....	100	0	0	Repairs of school-house at Muramunda.....	5	0	0
Subscription of Capt. Porteous.....	60	0	0	12 large Telegu catechisms	7	0	0
Subscription, Capt. Taylor	48	0	0		728	1	0
" E. P. Metcalfe, Esq.	24	0	0		697	9	8
" Dr. J. Bilderbeck,	60	0	0				
	697	9	8	Deficit.....	30	7	4

Whole Account for 1875.

General expenses of Mission, in gold.....	$2,637 80
Deficit on account of school.....	13 27
Total.....	$2,651 07
Amount of five drafts forwarded in gold.....	2,500 00
Deficit for 1875.....	$ 151 07

Estimate for 1876.

Deficit from 1875.....	$ 151 07
Probable expenses of Mission and schools.....	3,000 00
Total.....	$3,151 00
Forwarded drafts for $500 gold each, Dec. 7, 1875, Jan. 21, 1876, June 22, 1876, July 20, 1876, Sept. 13, 1876.....	2,500 00
Balance needed for 1876.....	$ 651 00

From the several Synods the following amounts have been received:

Ministerium of Pennsylvania.....	$1,709 16
" New York.....	360 00
Synod of Canada.....	167 43
Augustana Synod.....	134 00
Iowa Synod.....	100 00
Michigan Synod.....	88 00
Pittsburgh Synod.....	24 40

ENLARGEMENT OF THE MISSION.

It is an imperative necessity that our mission work should be enlarged. Our brethren in India are suffering in health after years of labor there, and soon one or another may be compelled to return in search of restored health. Our mission field is already entered, and the peaceful prosecution of the work disturbed by the Baptists. The English Church Missionary Society has intended to occupy the same field, unless our work be prosecuted with more vigor. They have acted toward us with the utmost courtesy, but have made their longer delay

dependent on the evidence of greater activity on our part. We should form the fixed purpose to send more missionaries out with the least possible delay, and to furnish increased contributions towards the support of the mission. Your Committee are persuaded that the Lutheran Churches in connection with the General Council can readily furnish abundant means for this purpose if the mission work was presented to them with sufficient fulness and frequency. The Committee would present for the consideration of the Council the following measures to secure a greater efficiency and success in the mission work.

PROPOSITIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.

1. The appointment of another Executive Committee for Foreign Missions. The present Committee is very large, its members reside far apart, it meets only four times in a year, and it was organized for other purposes, and its time is occupied with other business. We would propose that a committee be appointed of five or seven members, resident at one place, who could meet as often as was necessary, and give full attention to the work.

2. The appointment by the committee of a Secretary, who should give his whole time to the work, furnishing full missionary news to the churches, visit the meetings of the Synods, attend missionary festivals, and thus awaken and maintain a greater interest.

3. The establishment of a close connection between our missionary organization and the missionary periodicals which exist, or which may be established. The *Missionsblatt* should be in intimate relation to our mission, and an English paper of the same kind established.

At the request of the Convention, the Rev. C. W. Groening addressed the Council in reference to the mission work of our church in India, with which he was formerly so long connected.

In regard to the recommendations contained in the report of the Executive Committee, the following action was taken :

Resolved, 1. That a committee of seven persons be elected to have charge of the work.

2. That a committee of one from each Synod be appointed to nominate members of the Executive Committee to be elected by the Council.

3. That the question of the appointment of a general Secretary be referred to the incoming Executive Committee.

4. That it is the judgment of this body, that it is very desirable to have some medium for presenting the Foreign Mission work to the congregations through the press in the different languages, and

that the mode of providing for the same be referred to the Executive Committee.

The following committee was appointed under the second of the above resolutions, viz.: Revs. A. Spaeth, C. Volz, J. K. Melhorn, J. Weber, S. Klingman, A. P. Monten, C. F. Spring, J. J. Kuntz and A. J. Brown.

The report of the Executive Committee was adopted as a whole.

Dr. Moldehnke was excused from attendance until Monday morning.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. S. Fritschel.

Fourth Session.

SATURDAY, October 14, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. J. A. Kunkelman.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

Constitution for Congregations.

The consideration of this document was resumed.

Art. III, sections 1 and 2 were amended and adopted.

Art. III, sections 3 and 4 adopted.

The consideration of Article 4, section 1, on motion, was postponed.

Art. 4, section 2, was adopted.

Art. 5, section 1, was, on motion, considered at this point. It was still under discussion at the adjournment.

The report of the Committee on the German Church Book was made the second order of business for this afternoon.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. C. F. Spring.

Fifth Session.

SATURDAY, October 14, 2 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. L. Halfman.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

The first order of the afternoon was taken up.

Relief Associations.

The report of the committee appointed to prepare plans of charitable aid and mutual assistance, to provide, through the church, for the bodily wants of the suffering and needy, presented a report, which was received and cousidered by items, and after having been amended was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Relief of the Suffering.

In the faithful testimony of the General Council against secret and other unchurchly societies, the attention of the church was earnestly called to those works of mercy which her ascended Lord constantly performed when on earth, and to the Christlike spirit in which all must be done, in His name and for His glory. This timely admonition has not been without excellent results. Never before in the history of our churches in this country has so much been accomplished for the succor and relief of the poor, the sick, the fatherless and widow, the immigrant, and stranger within our gates.

It is nevertheless painfully evident, that only a commencement has been made in this department of Christian duty. Very much that should have been done has not yet been attempted. Much is only imperfectly done, and much in the wide field of human suffering yet remains undone. But the Christian's duty is seen in the life and teachings of the Lord Jesus, and from obedience to this law of Christ there is no escape. As in the days of His flesh He went about doing good, healing all manner of sicknesses and all manner of diseases among the people, so now must the church, the body of Christ, reproduce upon earth the life of her blessed Lord. In this way she will best prove her discipleship, and glorify her Father in heaven.

The most efficient of all instrumentalities on earth in accomplishing this, is the local Christian congregation. Every such church is a divine association, alike for faith and for charity—for worship and for work. It needs only to be filled with the fulness of Christ to become a most effective agency for every merciful undertaking. The pastor, officers and members are already united in the unity of the faith. They have the benefit of a local habitation, a local acquaintance, and a permanent organization. The word and the ministry are theirs to supply the motives for a perennial charity. It is only necessary to restore the diaconate to its primitive character, and to employ it in the spirit of its original institution, in order that all suffering in the congregation may be discovered and supplied. The restoration of the office of deaconess, particularly in the larger and town congregations, would powerfully tend to the same blessed result.

For all local cases of actual mercy, the Christian congregation, through its pastor and diaconate, is amply sufficient. And in this ministration of mercy to the poor and suffering of our Lord's body, Christian love must evermore remember His words of infinite condescension, "I was sick and ye visited me, I was an hungered and ye gave me meat, I was thirsty and ye gave me drink, I was naked and ye clothed me, I was in prison and ye came unto me. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

It must be evident, however, that in addition to "the poor, whom we have always with us," and who can be more effectually cared for by the diaconate of the congregation with which they are connected, or in whose neighborhood they live, there is a large class of persons in moderate circumstances who are subject to all the vicissitudes of trade, commerce and labor, and in time of need are not reached by any existing agency in the church. They are not objects of charity, but of brotherly sympathy, counsel and mutual aid. From the small gains of industry in the time of health, and the savings of economy when labor is remunerative, they might secure enough to provide for a weekly income during sickness, and to make some moderate provision for their beloved ones in the case of death. By the voluntary association of this class of our members, there might be a mutual relief society in every local congregation, through which all cases of sickness and accident would be provided for, not as a matter of bounty but of right. The union of a certain number of local societies into a division of the general association, the members of which voluntarily obligate themselves to pay a specified sum on the death of any member, would make a certain provision for the family of the departed.

In view, then, of the general principles which have been stated, your Committee present for the approval of the General Council the following action:

Resolved, 1. That the earnest attention of our pastors and churches be directed to the claims of the suffering members of our Lord's body, and that the diaconate of our congregations be so reorganized, as to number and a division of work, that it may be said of our churches, as of the first churches of the saints, that there are none among us who lack.

Resolved, 2. That the Committee on Relief Societies be authorized to prepare and publish for distribution, a constitution and by-laws of a Relief Association, on the following general principles: 1. The membership to be limited to the communicant membership of the Lutheran Church. 2. Exclusion from such church membership to carry with it

exclusion from the Association. 3. The principle of operation to be the mutual one, involving a monthly contribution, which shall entitle to weekly relief in cases of sickness or accident, and the payment of a specified sum in every case of death in the membership. 4. Admission to be denied to none on account of age or physical infirmity. 5. The funds of the Association not to be diverted to regalia, rent or erection of halls, or the payment of officers' salaries, but the entire amount contributed to go immediately to the relief of the suffering.

Respectfully submited,

W. A. PASSAVANT,
FREDERICK SCHACK,
LEWIS L. HOUPT,
Committee.

The second order of the afternoon was then taken up.

German Church Book.

Report of the Committee.

Your Committee respectfully report, that during the past year the manuscript of the German Church Book has been completed, and the printing of the hymnological part of the book, containing a selection of about eighty psalms and six hundred hymns, has been commenced.

The work of the Committee has chiefly been occupied with the liturgical part of the book. A number of collects had to be translated, and others selected from German sources; the translation of all the collects was revised; the selection of general prayers was decided upon; the Order of the Morning Service was revised; and the full order of the Evening Service completed according to the directions of this body. The thanks of the General Council are due to S. K. Brobst & Co. for printing the full Evening Service with music in the *Zeitschrift*, and thereby enabling your Committee to submit this part of their work for a careful examination of every member of this body.

In the Order of Morning Service, the following alterations are proposed by your Committee:

1. In the Confiteor, the rubric, "Der Pfarrer oder sein Gehülfe spricht und die Gemeinde kann mit sprechen," to be changed into the single word, "Gemeinde."

2. The last rubric (on page 16 of printed Order) to read thus: "Wenn das heilige Abendmahl nicht gefeiert wird folgt hier ein Schlusslied. Darauf spricht der Pfarrer eine Collecte mit der Salutatio und schleisst mit dem Segen."

A. SPAETH.

The report was received and adopted.

The Rev. H. O. Lindeblad was excused after this session.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. K. Melhorn.

Sixth Session.

MONDAY, October 16th, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. J. T. Vogelbach.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

The Convention then took up the order for the morning, viz., the question of

Pulpit and Altar Fellowship.

The Report of the Committee on the Minutes of District Synods, which embodied the action of the various Synods on this subject, was read and received. The delegates from the New York Ministerium also presented a paper, which was received. The Council then proceeded to consider so much of the report of the Committee on the Minutes of District Synods as related to Pulpit and Altar Fellowship. The discussion occupied the entire session.

The Rev. J. K. Melhorn was excused after this afternoon's session.

Adjourned. Prayer by Dr. Fry.

Seventh Session.

MONDAY, October 16, 2 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Dr. A. J. Brown.

The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

Pulpit and Altar Fellowship.

The consideration of this subject was resumed, and so much of the report of the Committee on District Synods as related to it, was adopted by items and as a whole, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Report on Minutes of District Synods.

Pulpit and Altar Fellowship.

The action of the General Council on this subject at its last meeting has attracted the attention of all the Synods in the Council. We present their action as contained in their Minutes so far as they are in possession of the Committee.

MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

With reference to the action of the General Council at Galesburg on this subject, no little uncertainty and misapprehension has been manifested. Your delegates desire to state that action correctly, for the information of this Ministerium and of the congregations connected with it. It was proposed to amend the rule, stated at Lancaster in 1870, and reduced to writing and approved at Akron in 1872, by inserting the words: "which accords with the Word of God and with the Confessions of our Church." The question was distinctly raised whether the adoption of such amendment would annul the other parts of the action at Akron, and the official decision of the President was given, that it would have no such effect, but that the second and third declarations of the Akron rule would remain intact, and would continue to be, afterward as much as before, the declaration of the General Council. This proposed amendment of the Akron rule was, after it had been discussed at length, incorporated with a resolution which had been offered with reference to the action of the Augustana Synod on this subject, and the final resolution of the General Council, without abrogating any part of the Akron testimony, renewedly calls the attention of our pastors and churches to the principles involved in that testimony. And after the action was finally taken, the President made the official declaration, that "the sole change made in this action is, it declares whence we get the rule, to wit: out of the Word of God and the Confessions of our Church. It only makes explicit what was implied before." And the President stated that if the correctness of his decision was doubted, an appeal from it could be taken. No appeal was taken.

The support given by your delegates to the action on this subject was given with a full knowledge of the effect of the action as above stated.

And in addition to the above statement of facts we would declare our belief, that the manifest intention which moved to this action was not to coerce the practice of our congregations, but to set forth the true principle on this subject, and earnestly to direct their attention to it. Its action was meant to be not governmental but educational. That all would be at once prepared to acknowledge the propriety of this rule was scarcely expected, nor was the enforcement of a legal obedience thought of, but the Council desired to set forth its convictions of that which is true and right on this subject, in the full persuasion that sooner or later it would be accepted by our churches.

MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK.

The Committee on the proceedings of Conferences proposed the following to the Ministerium: That the resolution adopted by the General Council at its last annual Convention in Galesburg, by which the rules previously declared: "Lutheran pulpits for Lutheran ministers only—Lutheran altars for Lutheran communicants only," are declared to accord with the Word of God and the Confessions of our Church, be accepted by our Synod as correct, and that the Synod express its approval of the same.

To this proposition the following amendment was offered and adopted: That we express our approval of the resolution adopted by the General Council at its last Convention in Galesburg, in the sense in which it was explained at the time by the President of that Convention and adopted by the Council.

This amendment was afterwards repealed, and the original proposition of the committee was adopted by a vote of 66 to 2, with the following addition: And exhorts its pastors to strive, with wisdom and fidelity, that this rule may ever come more and more fully into practice. To this the following resolution was subsequently added: That our delegates to the next Convention of the General Council shall vote in accordance with the sense of the resolution adopted by this Synod in reference to the Galesburg rule.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

The delegates to the Galesburg Convention reported as follows:

"A resolution was adopted in reference to Pulpit and Altar Fellowship, which has given rise to considerable discussion in the Church, inasmuch as it was thought that a radical change was made thereby in the previous utterances of the General Council on these questions, notably in that delivered at Akron. It was the understanding of your delegates on the floor of that Convention, and is now, that no such change was made. The declaration at Akron remains intact, to wit: 1. The rule is, Lutheran pulpits are for Lutheran ministers only, Lutheran altars are for Lutheran communicants only. 2. The exceptions to the rule belong to the sphere of privilege, not of right. 3. The determination of the exceptions is to be made in consonance with these principles, by the conscientious judgment of pastors, as the cases arise. The first part of the resolution passed at Galesburg simply expresses sincere gratification at the progress of a truer Lutheran practice in the different Synods in reference to these questions, and at the action which the Augustana Synod had taken. It then renewedly calls the attention of our pastors and churches to the testimony which the Council had theretofore given, in the hope that their practice might be conformed to it; and concludes by making the explicit statement, that the rule accords with the Word of God, and with the Confessions of our church. The clear statement of the President of the Council at Galesburg, was that this resolution simply made explicit what was implied before, and declared whence we get the rule, to wit, out of the Word of God and the Confessions of our Church; and that no change was made by it in the action in regard to exceptions. This statement of the President was accepted by the Convention without a dissenting voice."

Upon which the Synod resolved, that the action of the delegates at Galesburg be approved, and that this report be entered on the minutes.

DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

The President reported as follows:

Your delegates, with the exception of the laymen, attended the late meeting of the General Council in Galesburg, Ill. Considerable misapprehension has existed in some parts of the Church in regard to the action of the General Council on the subject of "Pulpit and Altar Fellowship." This has, in a great degree, grown out of the incorrect statements of the Galesburg resolutions in one or two German papers. In order to prevent any misunderstanding upon this point among the brethren of this Synod, I will here state the action of the Council as it now stands. The rule, as presented in Lancaster, Ohio, and approved in Akron, was amended by inserting the words, "which accords with the Word of God and with the Confessions of our Church," and reads in full: "The rule, which accords with the Word of God and with the Confessions of the Church, is: I. Lutheran pulpits for Lutheran ministers only—Lutheran altars for Lutheran communicants only. II. The *exceptions* to the rule belong to the sphere of *privilege*, not of right. III. The *determination* of the *exceptions* is to be made in consonance with these principles, by the conscientious judgment of pastors, as the cases arise." It will thus be seen, as the President also officially stated at Galesburg, that the sole change made in the Akron declaration was simply to insert the words, "which accords with the Word of God and with the Confessions of our Church." The record of this Synod is throughout so clear and consistent in regard to these questions, that it does not seem to me that any additional action is necessary at this time.

In reference to this, after a full discussion, the following was passed upon:

Resolved, That Synod hereby expresses its understanding of that action to be the same as expressed by the President in his report, and that now, as in the past, we are in full accord with it as the true and proper position of the Lutheran Church to assume on these points—true according to the demands of God's Word and the Confessions of the Church, viz.:

I. Lutheran pulpits for Lutheran ministers only—Lutheran altars for Lutheran communicants only.

II. The exceptions to the rule belong to the sphere of *privilege*, and not of *right*.

III. The determination of the exceptions is to be made in consonance with these principles, by the conscientious judgment of pastors, as the cases arise.

Resolved, That our delegates to the General Council be, and they are hereby instructed to have regard in the future to the above declaration, in representing us upon the floor of that body.

SYNOD OF MICHIGAN AND OTHER STATES.

The minutes have not yet appeared, but the President stated that the Synod approved the addition made at Galesburg to the first part of the

Akron declaration, but desired the omission of the second and third parts with reference to exceptions.

THE SCANDINAVIAN AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

In the absence of the minutes and of the officers of the Synod, its representative on the Committee states, that the substance of its action was to reaffirm the Theses on Mixed Communion contained in the minutes of last year.

SYNODS OF CANADA AND TEXAS.

The Synod of Canada took no action, and of the action of the Synod of Texas we have no official information.

INDIANA SYNOD.

The delegates to the General Council read their report, which was considered by items and adopted as a whole.

"No part of the action of the General Council has so deeply engaged the attention of the Church at large, as that touching Pulpit and Altar Fellowship with Christians not of Lutheran faith and ecclesiastical connections. Inasmuch as your delegates gave unanimous voice against the resolution upon this point, as it now stands upon the Minutes of the General Council, they feel that some explanation of their course is in place. That this may be given satisfactorily it will be necessary to recur to the action of the Council touching this point at Akron in 1872, which is as follows:

I. The Rule is: Lutheran pulpits are for Lutheran ministers only. Lutheran altars are for Lutheran communicants only.

II. The Exceptions to the rule belong to the sphere of *privilege*, not of *right*.

III. *The determination* of the *exceptions* is to be made in consonance with these principles, by the conscientious judgment of pastors, as the cases arise.

It was proposed to amend this by inserting the words: 'The rule which accords with the Word of God and with the Confessions of our Church.' During the discussions this amendment was incorporated with a resolution endorsing certain theses adopted by the Augustana Synod on the subject of altar fellowship, the fifth and sixth of which read thus:

'5. Fellowship in the Supper with those who have and hold a doctrine differing from our Confession, especially relative to the Lord's Supper, is in a greater or less degree a denial of our own faith and confession, and is making little account of the Supper itself.

'6. No others, therefore, ought to be allowed to partake of the Lord's Supper within the church, than those who belong to the church or have the same faith and confession with our church.'

'The resolution, as amended and presented for final action, is as follows:

Resolved, That the General Council expresses its sincere gratification at the progress of a truer Lutheran practice in the different Synods,

since its action on communion and exchange of pulpits with those not of our church, as well as at the clear testimony in reference to these subjects officially expressed by the Augustana Synod at its Convention in 1875; nevertheless we hereby renewedly call the attention of our pastors and churches to the principles involved in that testimony, in the earnest hope that our practice may be conformed to our united and deliberate testimony on this subject, viz., the rule, which accords with the Word of God and with the Confessions of our Church is, Lutheran pulpits for Lutheran ministers only—Lutheran altars for Lutheran communicants only.'

It will be observed that no mention is made in this resolution of 'the exceptions' and 'the determination of the exceptions' set forth in the Akron declaration, and that the general tenor of the resolution makes against them. To the question whether the 'exceptions' of the Akron declaration were set aside by this resolution, the President of the Council replied that they were not, but at the same time so explained the import of the exceptions as to make them accord with the theses of the Augustana Synod given above and endorsed in the resolution. A demand was then made that the Akron declaration touching 'exceptions' be added to the resolution, and published along with it in the minutes. The Council declined to do this. Your delegates gave their voice against the resolution, under the persuasion that to vote for it would have been equivalent to declaring any exceptions to the rule a departure from the Word of God and the Confessions of the Church. After the passage of the resolution the President stated that 'the sole change made in the Akron declaration is, that we declare whence we get the rule, to wit, out of the Word of God and the Confessions of the Church; it only makes explicit what was implied before.' Notwithstanding this statement of the President, your delegates saw no reason for changing their votes, knowing that verbal interpretations, which none save the members of the Council might ever hear, were no substitute for incorporating 'the exceptions' along with the resolution in the official report, which would have cost no pains and spared much controversy."

In regard to which the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod fully indorse the action of its delegates to the General Council touching "Altar and Pulpit Fellowship," as representing the views of this body.

THE HOLSTON SYNOD.

The delegate of this Synod states that at its recent session the Synod adopted the Galesburg rule, interpreted according to the letter and spirit of the Akron resolutions.

It appears from the above proceedings, that some uncertainty has existed with regard to the action of the General Council at Galesburg, in its relation to the Declaration made at Akron. The concurrent testimony given by a large proportion of the delegates, and by the President of the General Council, establishes that the true purport and

effect of the action at Galesburg was to add to the Declaration at Akron a statement of the source of the Rule, and that in all other respects that Declaration in all its parts was left unchanged.

A resolution in reference to these questions was here offered by Dr. Spaeth, which was laid over for action at the next session.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. S. K. Brobst.

Eighth Session.

TUESDAY, October 17, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. G. W. Mechling.

The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

The report of the Committee on the New York Immigrant Mission was made the first order, and the report of the Executive Committee on Home Missions the second order of business for this afternoon.

Pulpit and Altar Fellowship.

The consideration of this subject was resumed.

The delegation from the Ministerium of New York requested permission to withdraw the paper presented by them at the sixth session, and permission was given.

The resolution offered by Dr. Spaeth at the preceding session then came up for action. A substitute for this resolution was offered by the Rev. A. E. Frey, of the New York Ministerium; and another substitute for Rev. Frey's paper was offered by Mr. W. Hauff on behalf of the lay delegates of the New York Ministerium.

After a prolonged general discussion, all of these propositions were successively laid on the table, and the following action was taken:

Resolved, That the further discussion of the subject of Pulpit and Altar Fellowship be postponed.

Resolved, That the President be requested to prepare a series of theses on the Galesburg declaration on Pulpit and Altar Fellowship, and present the same to this body at its next Convention.

Resolved, That these theses be published in the languages used

in the Council, not less than three months before the time of the next Convention.

Revs. E. Wurster and C. F. Spring were excused from further attendance.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. E. Wurster.

Ninth Session.

TUESDAY, October 17, 2 P. M.

The opening devotional service was conducted by the Rev. C. Volz.

The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

The Auditing Committee, on leave granted, presented their report on the

Treasurer's Accounts.

Report of the Auditing Committee.

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT.

1875.	DR.		
Dec. 2.	To Balance received from Mr. S. G. Fry		$ 413 47
	" Pennsylvania Ministerium, by Rev. A. T. Geissenhainer—		
	1876, June 21	$668 79	
	1876, July 12	200 00	
	1876, Aug. 5	662 37	
	1876, Sept. 13	28 00	
			1,559 16
1876.			
March 11.	To Dr. J. Fry, Sec. of Foreign Missions		32 00
June 8.	" New York Ministerium, by Rev. A. Wetzel		300 00
July 12.	" Canada Synod, by H. Vandersmissen		167 43
1875.			
Oct. 13.	" Augustana Synod		100 00
Oct. 13.	" Iowa Synod		50 00
Nov. 14.	" St. John's Church of Phila., through Rev. E. E. Sibole,		100 00
Nov. 13.	" Rochester Sunday School and six boys for two years, by Rev. Wagner		60 00
1876.			
March 27.	" St. Jacobus Junior Orphan and Mission Society, Phila., Rev. J. T. Vogelbach		50 00
July 21.	" Rev. S. Klingman, Ann Arbor, Mich., Pfingst collection,		32 00
Sept. 8.	" " " "		25 00
Aug. 23.	" Reu. E. Smith, Greensburg, Pa.		24 40
1875.			
Nov. 12.	" Congregation of Des Moines		19 00
	" " " English Sunday School		10 00
	" " " Swedish "		5 00
1876.			
March 22.	" Rev. I. Baumann, of Freedom, Mich		15 00

March 27.	To Sunday School of Lower Saucon Township, Pa., by Rev Cooper	$	6 00
June 12.	" Mannerchor of Zion's Church, Freedom, Mich., per E. Klager		6 00
			$2,974 46
	Balance	$ 413 47	
	Income	2,560 99	
		$2,974 46	

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1875. Dec. 7.	By remittance to Rev. H. C. Schmidt		£103. 4.0		$571 72
1876. Jan. 21.	" " " "		102.19.9		565 92
June 22.	" " " "		102. 9.3		562 00
July 21.	" " Rev. K. Poulsen		102. 5.0		559 31
Sept. 13.	" " Rev. H. C. Schmidt		102. 9.3		545 61
Mar. 1.	" Postage and Sundries				2 00
					$2,806 56
	Balance in hand of Treasurer				167 90
					$2,974 46

Home Missions.

1876. July 12.	To Canada Synod, by H. Vandersmissen	$111 62
	No disbursements.	
	Balance on hand	$111 62

Sundry Expense Account.

Dr.

1875. Dec. 2.	To Balance received from Mr. S. G. Fry	$57 03	
Nov. 8.	" " " " "	50 00	
			$ 107 03
1876. Aug. 13.	" Ministerium of Penn'a., by Rev .A. T. Geissenhainer		150 00
Aug. 28.	" " New York, by Rev. A. Wetzel		110 00
1875. Oct. 13.	" Pittsburgh Synod		97 99
	" Indiana Synod, by Rev. J. Wesner		20 00
1876. Sept. 8.	" Rev. S. Klingman		25 00
1875. Dec. 7.	" 100 Communicants of Ebenezer congregation in Berlin, Texas		1 00
	" Travelling Expenses returned by Rev. R. Jaeggli, Tex.		3 20
	" St. John's Congregation, Ross Prairie, Fayette Co., Tex.		1 60
1876. June 12.	" Rev. F. Earnst, Brenham, Texas		2 00
July 21.	" Rev. S. Klingman, Ann Arbor, Mich., Pfingst collection, Waterloo		11 00
Sept. 21.	" Zion's Congregation, Zionsville, Washington Co., Texas,		2 50
	" St. John's Congregation, Ross Prairie, Fayette Co., Tex.		1 50
			$532 82
	Balance	$107 30	
	Income	425 79	
		$532 82	

1875.	Cr.		
Sept. 23.	By 1,000 English Minutes, Bakewell & Marthens	$	97 99
Nov. 12.	" Balance for Minutes of 1874, to same		49 01
Nov. 8.	" Distributing Expenses, to Rev. S. Laird		12 00
1876.			
Aug. 14.	" German Minutes, to Rev. C. H. Thomsen		150 00
Sept. 13.	" " " balance to same		94 22
			$403 22
	Balance in hands of Treasurer		129 60
			$532 82

In hands of Treasurer—		
Balance Foreign Missions	$	167 90
" Sundry Account		129 60
Total	$	297 50
And the following amount to be transferred to the Treasurer of Home Missions		111 62
Total	$	409 12

J. A. Geissenhainer,
Treasurer.

September 30th, 1876.

We have examined the above account of the Treasurer, and find the same correct.

Wm. H. Staake,
J. Reichard,
Fred. Schack,
Auditing Committee.

A letter was read from J. C. File, Esq., declining the position of Treasurer of the General Council, to which he was elected, because the manifold duties he has to perform allow no time to attend to that office.

The resignation was accepted.

New York Immigrant Mission.

Report of the Committee.

The Immigrant Mission Committee appointed by your Reverend Body at its last session in Galesburg, Ill., held its first meeting November 29th, 1875, and organized by electing Rev. J. Ruperti, D. D., President, Mr. J. Nehrbas, Secretary, and Mr. John Moeller, Treasurer. In this first meeting Pastor W. Berkemeier was appointed Missionary for the ensuing year, a post which he had held temporarily since December 21st, 1874.

During the past year your Committee has undergone several changes

to wit: Pastor Raegener resigned at the first meeting and Pastor Baden was elected in his place. Mr. J. Nehrbas also resigned, and W. Hauff was elected in his place. Pastor Ruperti returned to Europe and Pastor Drees was elected in his place, so that the Immigrant Mission Committee is composed of the following members:

Rev. J. H. Baden, President; Rev. G. W. Drees, Rev. A. E. Frey, Rev. J. G. Princell, Mr. John Moeller, Treasurer, Mr. Chas. Hauselt, Mr. Christopher Bellmer and W. Hauff, Secretary.

In regard to the work performed by the Immigrant Mission, your Committee respectfully refer to the report of the Missionary.

The report of the Treasurer is hereby respectfully submitted.

This report shows how very little assistance your Committee has obtained for the support of the Immigrant Mission, and your Committee respectfully request that your Reverend Body call the attention of the District Synods to this subject.

From the report of your Missionary, it appears, clearly, how important the Immigrant Mission will be for the growth of the Lutheran Church in the United States, and your Committee are of opinion that it is in the interest of each District Synod to do something towards the support of the Missionary having charge of this work.

We also have to call the attention of your Reverend Body to the fact that at the time your former Missionary, Rev. Neumann, had to be dismissed, a portion of his salary, amounting, according to our calculation, to $940.64, was left unpaid, and no part of this sum has been paid, because Pastor Neumann's claim amounts to $1,200, which your Committee cannot concede. Aside from this, however, your Committee has never been in the position to liquidate the entire debt, and respectfully request that some effort be made to provide the necessary funds for this purpose.

From the report of the proceedings of the last Convention of the New York Ministerium, just received, we see that the sum of $277.02 had been paid in for the Immigrant Mission. Up to this time the Treasurer of your Committee has not received anything.

W. Hauff, *Secretary I. M. C.*

On motion, the Rev. W. Berkemeier read a report of his work as Missionary at Castle Garden, the following extracts from which the Secretaries were instructed to enter on the miuutes.

Mission Work at Castle Garden.

The immigration is not now what it was five or six years ago It has so materially decreased, that it has been reduced to about one-

third of its former numbers. That is probably the reason why the Immigrant Mission is frequently underrated. "There are not many immigrants arriving at present," we are often told. I may, however, here say that during the past year upwards of 50,000 Germans entered through the gate of immigration into this country. This is still a respectable number, on an average more than 1,000 persons per week, the majority of whom belong, by birth and education, to the Evangelical Lutheran Church. If we add thereto the thousands of our people that travel back to Germany *via* New York, and need our services not less than those coming from there, all doubts as to the permanent and great necessity of this mission must vanish.

But I may even go further and assert, that since the Immigrant Mission has been connected with the Emigrant House, and thereby has entered into a new *stadium*, our work has steadily increased, although immigration has decreased.

We had, during the past year, daily morning and evening devotions with the immigrants, as well as divine service every Sunday; and besides, we took occasion to administer spiritual counsel to individuals. When the immigrants arrive here, frequently after great dangers, even agonies of death, which they suffer during their voyage across the sea, apprehensive and uncertain what their lot may be in this foreign land, with the first touch of homesickness and full of the memories of the dear old Fatherland and the beloved ones left there, we find them tender of mind and susceptible to the Word of God. And when we then sing with them one of our hymns in the tune of home; when we read a psalm, or other appropriate portion of the Scriptures, and connect therewith prayer and admonition, the seed falls in well prepared ground, and it does not fail to have the desired effect.

Our Lutheran brethren feel at home in our Lutheran house. "I notice," said one of the immigrants, after the close of our evening exercises, "that our good old Christian faith still lives in America." Mennonites, Apostolic Brethren, and members of other denominations, principally from Russia, were astonished to find our Lutheran ways to differ from what they imagined they were. Some said to me, "Alas, we thought the Lutheran Church was the veritable Babylon, but we were mistaken; you, also, have the Lord Christ!" I had to distribute, upon their earnest request, several of our hymn books.

Owing to the depression under which even the old fatherland is suffering, there was comparatively a great number of immigrants during the past year who barely managed to come over, and with such poor ones we were continually blessed. They are indeed the precious ones of the mission, but also our very great anxiety. The trifling alms

which were received ($193.54) did not by any means meet this necessity. There, then, the Emigrant House had to come to the rescue; hundreds of poor ones found there lodgings, board and attention; often whole families who made shift with the lodgings in Castle Garden, received their meals for days from the House, without charge. We were also successful, by the reputation of our House, notwithstanding the depression in business, to find employment for many who had not the means to travel farther.

The above are generalities about our mission; for particular facts I will add the following. Three thousand and fifteen persons were guests at the Emigrant House, all of whom came in close contact with the Immigrant Mission. Among them were forty-six ministers and candidates and two mission pupils; four young men, who at times during the year have been under our special care, and have entered schools for fitting themselves for the ministry—of these, three entered the Seminary at Philadelphia, and one the College at Mendota; four found positions as teachers in parochial schools; two infants were baptized, seven couples married, and two persons were buried.

Besides the Library, which at present numbers 340 volumes and pamphlets, the following church papers were placed before our guests, to wit: *Herald, Lutheran, Pilger, Abendschule, Volksblatt, Germania, Gemeindeblatt, Lutherische Zeitschrift, Lutheran and Missionary, Missionsblatt, &c.*

May the Lord our God hide, by his grace, all our shortcomings in the service of the Immigrant Mission, may He grant to us the necessary courage for further efficiency in our calling, and may He establish the work of our hand upon us, to the honor of His glorious name.

The Report of the Committee on the New York Immigrant Mission was adopted, and the Council proceeded to elect the Committee for the ensuing year. The tellers subsequently reported the election of the following

Committee on the Immigrant Mission.

Revs. J. H. Baden, J. G. Princell, A. E. Frey and G. W. Drees, and Messrs. J. Moller, C. Hauselt, C. Bellmer and W. Hauff.

In connection with this subject, on motion, Mr. E. C. Koerner read, and the Secretaries were instructed to print, the

Report of the Trustees of the N. Y. Emigrant House Association.

This new yearly report of the German Lutheran Emigrant House is rendered by order of the Board of Trustees, which oversees the management of the institution, in order that the object of the same, viz., "the protection and welfare of the emigrants," may be accomplished more and more thoroughly.

The help of God was manifested also in the past year, so that a satisfactory advance is noticeable. The recommendation of those who have become acquainted with our Home through private experience, has awakened confidence in many others, the number of guests showing an increase of one-third over that of the preceding year; and new connections, on this side and the other, into which the House has entered, allow us to hope for a still greater increase in the future.

The number of guests during the year was 3,015, part of whom came into this country, and part of whom went into the other. The former came from every part of Germany, also from Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Austria, England, Russia, &c.; the latter from all parts of America. The guests included representatives from nearly every profession—preachers, teachers, missionary pupils, doctors, merchants, captains, laborers, husbandmen, &c.; and all, without regard to rank or station, have, owing to the thorough management of our landlord, Mr. Rothermund, received the protection of the House in such wise as to cause universal satisfaction. The circumstance that no bar-room is kept by the House, offering in place thereof food of a superior quality, has saved the travellers many an unnecessary expense, and kept out unwelcome visitors. Taking it as a whole, those entering our Home were persons of a respectable class, and as regards infringements of the rules of our House we need complain but little.

Our correspondence is almost twice that of the preceding year. Nine hundred and eighty-three letters concerning the affairs of immigrants have reached us, which, with the various questions and inquiries, have received prompt attention. A still greater number of letters went through our hands through the anxiety of the senders, who used the address of our House for safety. The letters directed to us contained money (chiefly for immigrants) to the amount of $1,993.83.

Many boxes, trunks, parcels and valises of immigrants passed through our hands, and at various times their cash, amounting in all to $5,008, was deposited with us. Through such protection and supervision it was possible to prevent any loss in money or goods.

The library of the House received, during the last year, an increase of 210 volumes. It is very acceptable to and much used by those who cannot immediately proceed on their travels.

The amount of $193.54 received for poor immigrants, was by far too small to satisfy the demands for help and assistance. The institution has also in this year expended more than $400 in giving free board and lodging to the needy.

The gifts to the House amounted in this year to $820.73. Heartfelt thanks to the humane givers.

Dr. Wichern and Rev. Mr. Oldenberg, in Germany, sent us the information, which is of great importance to our institution, that by a resolution of the Central Committee for Internal Missions, our Home was taken into the list of those refuges which accomplish so much good in Germany. , This was our dearest wish, and we are heartily rejoiced at this connection being established between us and the much loved fatherland.

Another occurrence not less important for the institution is, that the General Council of the Lutheran Church has transferred its Immigrant Mission into the hands of the Missionary of the Emigrant House ; thus making the Emigrant House, in connection with the other immigrant missionaries, Revs. Messrs. S. Keyl and P. J. Swaerd, and Mr. P. B. Larson, the centre of our Immigrant Mission in New York.

The debt still resting on the building amounts to $18,600. Could this debt soon be liquidated and the payment of its interest be taken off our shoulders, our activity would be correspondingly increased. Hundreds of poor ones, and often worthy poor ones, who, poor and needy, land in New York, would yearly be benefited. We turn for help to humane givers, we turn to kind hearts with prayer and petition.

Gifts to the Emigrant House, or for the Immigrant Mission, or for poor immigrants, can be sent to the following address :

Rev. W. Berkemeier,
Emigrantenhaus, 16 *State Street, N. Y.*

Report of the Committee on the President's Report.

The Committee on the President's Report respectfully report as follows :

1. Several letters and documents addressed by Rev. R. Neumann, formerly missionary at Castle Garden, New York City, to the President of the General Council, have been placed in the hands of your Committeee. From an examination of these documents, it appears to your Committee that the chief point upon which Mr. Neumann insists is, that the salary justly due to him should be honestly and promptly paid.

As your Committee believe that this whole subject belongs properly to the care of the Committee on the Castle Garden Mission, and are well satisfied that said Committee may be confidently trusted to accord to Mr. Neumann a prompt and honest payment of all just claims he may make for services rendered in the work of the Castle Garden Mission, your Committe have no action to recommend to your attention, further than to refer Mr. Neumann to said Committee, with the conviction that they will do what is right in the premises.

2. A letter from Rev. Paul Andersen, of Milwaukie, Wis., appointed by the Norwegian Augustana Synod as its delegate to represent it at this meeting of the Council. Pastor Andersen conveys the assurance of the high regard which the Norwegian Augustana Synod cherishes for the General Council, and of the sincerity with which it implores the Divine blessing upon the deliberations and acts of the Council. He pleads a great pressure of pastoral work as a reason of his absence from this meeting, and with the assurance of his hearty sympathy with the Council, he respectfully asks to be excused. Your Committee move that he be excused.

3. C. J. Nehrbas, Esq., Secretary of the Committee of the Immigrant Mission, New York, informs the President of the resignation of the Rev. H. Raegener as a member of that Committee, and of the election of Rev. J. H. Baden to fill the vacancy. Your Committee move that the General Council approve of said election of Rev. J. H. Baden.

4. C. J. Nehrbas, on account of the many and important duties he has to attend to in connection with our Church, finds it impossible any longer to fill the responsible position he has hitherto held in that Committee; he therefore respectfully offers his resignation. Your Committee move that we recognize the force of Mr. Nehrbas's reasons, and accept his resignation with regret; also that we express, hereby, our high sense of the value and faithfulness of his long services on the Committee of Immigration.

5. A letter from Pastor C. H. Thomsen, German Recording Secretary of the General Council. Pastor Thomsen states that severe bodily suffering forbids his undertaking the journey to the meeting of the General Council, and with expressions of regret and the assurance of his hearty sympathy with the Council, he asks to be excused. Your Committee moves that Bro. Thomsen be excused, and that we assure him of our best wishes for the recovery of his health.

6. A letter from Pastor E. Norelius, President of the Augustana Synod, writes, also, that he be excused on account of ill health, and sends hearty greetings to the Council. The Committee move that Pas-

tor Norelius be excused, and that we wish him every blessing, both in his person and his work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. Schaeffer. *Ch'n.*, G. A. Wenzel,
G. G. Beck, H. O. Lindeblad,
Lewis Kim, E. Christian Koerner.
J. H. Smith,

The report was received, the recommendations contained in it were adopted, and the report adopted as a whole.

Home Missions.

Report of the Executive Committee.

In presenting to the General Council the Report of the Executive Committee of Home Missions for the past year, we would again call attention to the fact, that by the plan of our organization, the principal part of all the domestic mission work within our bounds is conducted by the District Synods. The efficiency of these organizations will be increased in proportion as they realize more fully that the planting of churches in any destitute place in their territory, as well as their training under a faithful ministry, is the highest function of an Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our Synods have a work to do in this respect which no other association can do for them. They are on the ground. They know their own territory. They are acquainted with its peculiar needs. They are the best judges of the laborers, who are suitable for its supply. And hence, the Synods, composed as they are of the churches and their pastors on a given territory, are the natural and proper guardians of all the spiritually destitute in that territory. The General Council has, therefore, from its very organization, earnestly sought to intensify this idea of synodical activity in the mission work. The result is seen and read of all men. Never before in the history of our American Church has this interest been so prominent in our District Synods. And if the special mission work of the Council's Committee may have been weakened, for the time being, the general efficiency has been largely increased.

To the Home Mission Committee of the General Council is committed that portion of the work which lies in the States and Territories where Synods have not yet been formed, and also those general and city missions in the District Synods, which they are unable to maintain without aid from other portions of the church. To carry on this general missionary work vigorously, presupposes a general co-operation

on the part of the District Synods, or of the membership generally over the land. Because this has not been given is the single reason why our Committee have not accomplished more. Only four of our Synods have contributed to the treasury, while others, instead of a vigorous effort to raise one-fifth more, have done nothing, and excuse themselves from taking any part in the general work, by a reference to their local destitutions. Meanwhile, neither the destitute in their own bounds, nor those in other places, were profited by this wrongful withholding of synodical co-operation. In contrast with this course, we are happy to mention, that the Canada Synod has forwarded recently the one-fifth of their missionary contributions to our treasury, and that the Augustana Synod, by an arrangement with our Committee, have expended the sum of $2,469.60, collected from their churches for the general mission work among the Swedes, in distant States, in addition to the regular mission work in their own home field. When all our Synods thus unite their efforts, in this spirit, we will be in a condition to do something worthy of our pure evangelical faith. Individual benefactions will come to the aid of the General Committee. Bequests, likewise, will certainly follow, and one important outpost after another can be occupied in the name of Christ, to become in time the centre of new Conferences or Synods. A revenue of $10,000 during the coming year would enable us to pay off our old debt of some $2,000, and begin a new career of increased efficiency. The additional contribution of five cents by each member in our churches, would place this sum in our treasury, while the donation of ten cents for each communicant would enable us to appropriate double this sum to our many needy missionary fields.

The following is a brief review of the Missions under the care of the Committee :

1. *The Chicago Mission.*—The Rev. E. Belfour has remained at his post during the past year, laboring with unwearied diligence in the difficult task of placing their church upon a safe and permanent basis. By the good hand of God upon the congregation, the past year has been one of steady growth and establishment. The heavy debt yet resting on the congregation for their church lot, which was carried for a time by the Mission and Church Extension Society, has been assumed by the congregation, and the interest is regularly met. In addition to this, quite a large sum has been raised and paid to extinguish various balances of debt on the church edifice, the repaving of the streets, arrears of interest, &c., so that the worst in this regard is over. The labor and anxiety devolving on the pastor, in bringing about these results, cannot be written, and have occupied much time and involved no

small anxiety. Many thanks are due by the Committee and the church to those kind friends in our Eastern congregations who aided Brother Belfour in this trying time, and without whose assistance the present results could not have been attained.

The spiritual interests of the congregation are reported by the pastor as in a hopeful condition. The attendance and the attention are uniformly good. The number of those who attend occasionally or habitually is constantly increasing, and at each communion there are additions to the church from this class. Not a few of these are persons who were confirmed when young in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany and various parts of the United States, and who, after long years of wandering from God, are brought to repentance. The interests of the youth of the congregation continue to occupy a large share of the pastor's attention. A class of seventeen young persons, who had faithfully attended instructions for upwards of six months, was confirmed on Palm Sunday. Of their interest in the study of the word Bro. Belfour remarks: "I have certainly never had such studious and well informed catechumens during my whole ministry as I have had here. It is a well understood matter, that the catechism must be committed to memory, and this applies not only to the original text of Luther's Catechism, but to the additional explanatory questions and answers contained in 'Pontopidan's Explanation,' which little manual we use." The additions to the membership during the past year by confirmation and certificate were forty-six.

The Sunday school is reported as numbering some two hundred scholars in regular attendance, and the pastor is assisted by an efficient corps of teachers. As it should be, the Sunday school is not an outside appendage, but is under the eye of the pastor, who devotes much time and labor to make it a nursery for the church, and the training place of the younger members for the activities of church work. To do this more effectually a large Bible class of adults is taught by him, and the teachers meet him weekly to study the lessons of the ensuing Sunday.

A neat little quarterly sheet, called the *Trinity Record*, is edited, printed and published by the pastor for gratuitous distribution in the congregation. By the pulpit, the school and the press the work is extending its influence, and the church is growing in number and efficiency. A few years more of such labor and the congregation will send forth its branches, and new and hopeful missions will be commenced on the different sides of the city. For the present, the most vigorous and united efforts are needed to draw together the scattered English membership in Chicago, and to bind them into one vigorous organization.

2. *The Columbus English Mission*, under the care of Rev. H. Peters, has been continued this year also, jointly with the English District Synod of Ohio. It has had a history of peculiar difficulties and deliverances such as have fallen to the lot of few congregations. The embarassment of debt and of a badly constructed church, from the beginning severely tried the faith and the zeal of pastor and people. The past year has been speedily trying, owing to the stringency of the times, and the financial embarrassments of the church. By the kindness of a number of our pastors, the sum of $365 was collected, and the back interest on the mortgage was paid in full. After no small perplexity, an amicable settlement was made with the Loan Association, and in a few months the church will have cancelled its heavy obligation to that society. This will be a great relief, as the monthly payments absorbed the principal resources of the congregation. But even with this important gain during the past year, it will require the most vigorous efforts on the part of the pastor and the people to overcome the blunders and the mismanagement of former years.

The largest addition to the membership at any one time was made on Whit Sunday, June 4th; the regular class of catechumens, numbering twelve persons, was confirmed at that time. These young persons had been under special instruction for fourteen months, and were all from the Sunday school. Three other persons were added to the congregation at the same time. On Easter Sunday two families, consisting of four persons, were likewise added to the church, three of them by confirmation. The Sunday school continues to be quite interesting, and numbers about one hundred pupils. A new library, costing about $100, was procured by the liberality of the friends. In addition to this, five of the young men who are carpenters, by working during the evenings, were enabled to place in the church a new library case worth some $60, for the Sunday school. These evidences of interest, in the midst of many discouragements, are most gratefully recognized as a proof of God's presence among them. During the past summer, many parents and children have been absent from the city, and not a few others have been very unsettled on account of the want of work and the depression of trade. These and other causes have hindered the more rapid progress of the mission, and made it a struggle for life to carry it through this time of trial. But faith and patience will in due time conquer every difficulty, and give final success to this important undertaking.

3. *The Vandalia (Ill.) Mission.*—The St. James English Lutheran Church at this place has been under the care of our missionary, Rev. N. Aldrich, during the past year likewise. His quarterly reports indicate a steady growth and increased efficiency, both in the church and

Sunday school; though during the past summer many, including the pastor and his family, have suffered from the prevailing chills and fever. The Sunday school and the Guild among the women of the congregation, have been zealously co-operating in the ingathering and clothing and instruction of the ignorant and neglected children of the town. The untimely death of Mrs. Easterday, one of the most devoted members, has made a sad breach in the ranks of this little congregation. A class has been under instruction during the greater portion of the year, but the confirmation is delayed for the present. Four persons have, however, been added to the church by confirmation and several by certificate. The Synod of Indiana held its late Convention in this congregation, and was hospitably entertained by the members. The establishment of the church is becoming more and more a matter of fact, and in a short time will become self-sustaining.

4 and 5. *The German Missions at Atlanta, Ga., and Chattanooga, Tenn.*, we regret to say, have been vacant during the past year. Notwithstanding the best efforts of the Committee to confer with the officers of the church at Atlanta, they have received no reply whatever to their communications, and are unable to say whether the church is vacant or not, or whether it is supplied by some irresponsible person who may have, for the time being, gained the confidence of those people. In regard to the supply of Chattanooga, the Committee have been unable to secure the services of a suitable missionary who could officiate in German and English. This seemed to be imperatively necessary, as our scattered German and American people can only thus be cared for by some one who can officiate in both languages. Chattanooga is a most important, but also a most difficult outpost of the church, and can only be occupied by a man specially qualified for the peculiar work which God has committed to her trust.

6. *The Texas Swedish Mission.*—By an arrangement with the Executive Committee of the Augustana Synod, this mission was continued during the past year, and is now in a prosperous condition. From the 1st of September, 1875, to April 1st, 1876, the Rev. J. O. Cavallin was in charge, and since July it has been placed in the care of Rev. M. Noyd. In addition to the scattered Swedes at various places who have been sought out and ministered to, the mission proper consists of three congregations—one in Austin, the capital of the State, one in Brushy, 15 miles distant, and one in Manor, 80 miles east of Austin. The number of communicants is about 200, and is gradually increasing. The congregations at Austin and Brushy own small church buildings, and the latter are about erecting a parsonage. This mission field will hereafter be self-supporting.

7. *Water Valley and Memphis, Miss.*—By the same arrangement, the long neglected Swedes at these two places have been under the supervision of the same Committee. During part of the year, the Rev. Elias Peterson has labored zealously there in word and doctrine. Through removals, deaths and other causes, the prospect of gathering permanent churches is not encouraging, and the Committee have recalled the missionary and appointed him to a more hopeful field.

8. *Colorado, Utah and California.*—By the same arrangement, the Rev. C. P. Rydholm was appointed and sustained as a travelling missionary among the scattered Swedish population of these States, and labored faithfully during part of the year. Most of his time was spent in San Francisco, and the remainder in seeking out the lost sheep of the fold, with a view of preparing the way for future labor. The result of his observations and labors is, that three missionaries ought at once to be appointed, one to each State, to minister to the many Swedes who have made their permanent or temporary home in these States, and who in due time will be followed by their friends and countrymen. We regret to have to add, that owing to the want of ministers and means it has not been possible to send forth these much needed laborers.

9. *The New England Mission.*—Under the same management, the Rev. C. O. Lindell was commissioned as a travelling missionary, and spent three months in the New England States and Canada. Hundreds of our Swedish brethren were found at various places, in groups of from two to thirty families, often at places quite remote from each other. These persons, in most instances, received the missionary with the greatest thankfulness, and his time was fully occupied in preaching publicly and from house to house, and dispensing the holy sacraments. The work thus auspiciously commenced is now continued by the Eastern Conference of the Augustana Synod, and the field is extended on every side. A separate laborer is being selected for this important and most necessary work.

The amount expended by the Executive Committee of the Augustana Synod, in the general work, was $2,468.60, all of which was contributed by the Swedish churches, in addition to the amount contributed for their own local field.

The following summary of the local mission work of the District Synods is compiled from the reports of their Committees to whom this work has been entrusted by the different Synods:

THE MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

During the past year *eleven* missions have been assisted by the Executive Committee of the Synod, and *ten* by the Board of Philadelphia

City Missions. These missions are the following: Doylestown, Rev. J. H. Fritz, Missionary; Eckley, Rev. J. H. Schmidt; Germania, Rev. J. H. Vass; St. John's, Wilkesbarre, Rev. F. Buermeyer; Lykens, Rev. B. M. Lenker; Cogan Station, Rev. H. Eggers; Treverton, Rev. A. Berg; Shenandoah City, Rev. J. Gruhler; Phœnixville, Rev. F. C. C. Kaehler; Sand Cut, Rev. G. H. Rhodes, and Black Oak Ridge, Rev. D. M. Stetler. Millville, N. J., was supplied by the 1st Conference, and a new Mission was commenced at Frackville, Schuylkill county. Four of the missions hitherto assisted by the Committee, viz., St. Luke's, Reading, St. Paul's German, Norristown, Weatherly and Rockport, and the German Church at Narrowsburg, lately served by Pastor Wilken, have become self-supporting.

The amount appropriated to these missions was $1,675. We regret that the report of the Committee gives no details of the work done by these brethren during the past year. We know, however, that there has been an encouraging progress made towards the establishment of the church, and the ingathering of souls. Many hundreds of young people have been carefully instructed and confirmed, and not a few places which, owing to the feebleness of the congregation or to past neglect, would have become a waste, are now gladdened by the message of the Gospel.

The operations of the Board of City Missions in Philadelphia have been carried on with no small difficulty, owing to the stringency of the times. St. Peter's (Bethlehem) English Mission, after shifting from place to place, under different pastors, and finding the chapel in Christian street unsuitable to their purposes, allowed it to be sold at a sacrifice. The Sunday school is now held in Wharton street, and is carried on by a few faithful workers, while the services are conducted by the students of the Seminary, without expense to the Board. Emanuel German Church, Frankford, has been twice bereaved; the death of their pastors, the Rev. Messrs. Haskarl and Pracht, following each other in quick succession. The missions under the care of the Committee are St. Peter's German, West Philadelphia, Rev. C. F. Welden, pastor; St. Stephen's English Church, Rev. B. H. Hunt; Christ Church, English, Chestnut Hill, Rev. E. T. Horn; St. Michael's German, Richmond, Rev. F. P. Bender; Rising Sun and Germantown German, Rev. H. T. Duensing; St. Paul's English, Oxford street, above Twenty-second, Rev. W. K. Frick. The Scandinavian, Norwegian and Danish Mission, Rev. C. E. Clausen; the St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill and Richmond Missions, have been especially successful, both Sunday schools and congregations having had a large increase. At Rising Sun a new church has been erected. A lot has been purchased for the

St. Peter's Mission on Oxford street, and the corner-stone for a chapel was recently laid. The church debts on several of the missions have been considerably diminished, and the progress on the whole has been encouraging. The past year has been a hard one for both pastors and people, and the fields have been held in the midst of many discouragements, only by an indomitable perseverance, which would not yield to despondency.

THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Fourteen missions, containing some thirty congregations, have been under the care of the Synod during the past year. These are the North Eastern, Rev. J. Brenneman missionary; the Kittanning English, Rev. J. A. Kribbs; the Butler English, Rev. J. Q. Waters; the East Liberty English, Rev. L. H. Geschwind; the Monongahela German, Rev. S. Munsch; Pan Handle German, Rev. M. Schweigert; Corry German Mission, Rev. M. Kugler; Ten Mile Mission, Rev. J. S. Lawson; Franklin Mission, Rev. S. W. Kuhns; Homestead, Rev. J. K. Melhorn; New Lebanon Mission, Rev. Prof. McKee; the Allegheny Valley Mission, Rev. J. S. Fink; East Liverpool Mission, supplies; Trenton Mission, supplies; the Shenango Valley and the Erie German were not supplied, because of the want of laborers. The past year, though attended with unusual difficulties, has been an encouraging one in its results. The ingathering of new members, the attendance on the services of the sanctuary, the flourishing condition of the Sunday schools, and the brightening prospects at different points which once seemed well nigh hopeless, is specially worthy of thankfulness. In Corry, a lot has been purchased, and a neat brick church edifice is under roof. In Butler, Pa., the valuable property known as the Witherspoon Institute has been purchased by the congregation for $6,000, and the central building will be altered for the purpose of a church, while one of the wings will be adapted to the purpose of a parsonage. A new station has been made near Middletown, Beaver county, Pa., in connection with Glendale, and it is hoped soon to organize a new congregation. The church at Kittanning has this year also materially reduced its indebtedness, and increased its membership some twenty-five. The East Liberty church has paid off $900 on their heavy debt, and added about thirty to the membership. The church at Ridgway has purchased an adjoining house and lot for a parsonage. The field has been held at every point on these missions, and the conviction is an abiding one, that perseverance and fidelity must yet give the victory. The long neglect of the church cannot be overcome, save by years of the most faithful labor, and this must be put forth largely

by the sacrifices of individual pastors and churches, which are alive to this great interest. Tne amount expended on these missions during the past year was $2,087.46.

THE DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

Four missions have been aided during the past year also, viz., Columbus, Alliance, Zanesville and Lima, the first of these jointly in connection with the General Council's Executive Committee. The report of the first of these is already given in the preceding report of the Committee. At Alliance the efforts of ths missionary, Rev. J. L. Smith, have been successful in reducing the heavy debt which endangered the existence of this mission, and the pastor and people now look forward to a larger ingathering and the permanent establishment of the church. The Zanesville Mission has recently met with a most severe blow in the death of their pastor, Rev. W. P. Ruthrauff, whose labors under God were beginning to give promise of a harvest for which many have long labored and prayed. The Rev. Frank Richards has been chosen as his successor, and we trust that he may reap what their late lamented pastor, and those who preceded him, have sowed with many tears. A new church edifice would be a great blessing to the congregation, and we hope this desirable object may soon follow. At Lima, O., the congregation having come into possession of their church edifice by the decision of the Supreme Court, have not only peace, but a good measure of prosperity. Since the arrival of the Rev. J. G. Neiffer, the present pastor, it has become self-sustaining, and is steadily increasing in membership. In addition to these, three other missions of much importance were resolved upon at its last Convention, and all that is needed to successfully carry on the work of church extension in connection with this Synod is an increase of means and of laborers properly qualified for the great work which God has committed to their trust.

THE SWEDISH AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

In addition to the general work of the Executive Committee of this Synod, the Home Mission work of the Synod *within its own territory* is carried on under the auspices of the District Conferences. Every vacant church and destitute settlement is carefully looked after and provided for to the utmost ability. All the pastors participate more or less, according to certain agreement, in visiting and preaching to these destitute places. The travelling expenses are paid out of the Home Mission Funds of the conferences. In some of the conferences travelling missionaries are called to labor for a given time, and in addition

to these, students from the Theological Seminary and catechists who are authorized by the President of the Synod, receive compensation for missionary service. In this way, 151 different vacant churches and preaching places within the Synod were regularly visited and cared for during the past year. The amount paid out by the different Conferences for this important Home Mission work was $3,018.24—a mere trifle compared with the blessed results of watching over and preaching to the thousands of hungry souls in these 151 places, who are as sheep without a shepherd. This sum, and the further sum of $2,469.60 for general missionary work, aggregates the outlay of this Synod for domestic missions, $5,487.84, an increase of nearly $1,500 over the amount expended last year.

THE CANADA SYNOD.

Seven missions were assisted by the Synod during the past year. These are the Ottawa Mission, Rev. C. A. Graepp; the Denbeigh Mission, Rev. G. Bastian; the Morrison Mission, Rev. C. Schimmel; the New Dundee Mission, Rev. A. Brockrodt; the Huron Mission, Rev. G. H. Schoemperlen; the Sullivan Mission, Rev. W. Baumbach; the Aldboro Mission, Rev. C. J. Spring. These missions are all among the German emigrants who are making their homes in Canada, and embrace some twenty-five congregations and preaching stations. But for such a system of missionary labor, these little mission flocks in the wilderness would never have been gathered, and if they were now abandoned by the Synod, they would be wasted by schisms and sects. These brethren are laboring with great self-denial, travelling often on foot and through bog and forest to reach the scattered settlers in the new counties of Ontario. They are doing a work, the blessedness of which eternity only will reveal, and they deserve the sympathy and co-operation of their brethren in the United States. It is their earnest desire to have a travelling missionary in the field, but their own means are inadequate to employ one and retain their present missionaries. How gladly would the Mission Committee of the General Council appropriate $500 for this purpose, were but the means placed in our hands!

The sum expended for the mission work of the Synod was $646.08.

THE NEW YORK MINISTERIUM.

The Executive Committee of this Synod rendered assistance to eleven missions during the past year. These were Rochester English, Rev. C. S. Koehler; Newark, N. J., Rev. L. H. Gerndt; Webster, Rev. C. R. Gerndt; Pittsfield, Mass., Rev. J. D. Hager; Ellenville, Rev. B. Cunz; Ward's Island, Rev. G. A. Schmidt and Rev. L. Gerndt; West New York, Rev. G. Burkhardt; New York City, Grand street, Rev.

C. Kuehn; Ghent, Rev. F. Leddin; North Hillsdale, Rev. W. Berner. The sum of $1,175 was appropriated to aid the congregations and stations on these missions. The English Lutheran Church in Rochester, N. Y., now becomes self-sustaining. The important post of the Protestant Chaplaincy among the Germans of Ward's Island, since the lamented death of missionary Schmidt, has been filled by the appointment of Rev. L. H. Gerndt. The German St. Paul's Church in Newark has been given up as unworthy of further assistance. Pastor Gerndt, in Webster, N. Y., has added an English station to his charge. The German Church in Pittsfield, Mass., is gradually becoming self-sustaining. The Bethlehem German congregation in Grand street, New York City, of which Rev. C. Kuehn is pastor, are taking measures for the purchase of a church edifice. Most of the other congregations have considerably increased in members, but the great poverty of many of the German laborers in this time of business embarrassment, has made it very difficult to keep the churches supplied.

We are gratified to learn from the Minutes, that the additional sum of $405 was paid to the Castle Garden Mission—making the amount expended for domestic missions during the year, $1,570.

THE MICHIGAN SYNOD.

Three distinct mission fields have been assisted by the Synod during the past year, viz., Reed City, Greenwood and Oakland. The missionaries have preached the word and administered the sacraments at many points, and performed a large amount of work in seeking out and gathering in the German settlers in the north-western part of Michigan. Six small congregations are reported as having been organized, by several of which arrangements are being made for the erection of houses of worship. The amount expended for the support of the missionaries was nearly $600, and this was contributed by the other churches of the Synod. The German population of Michigan is rapidly increasing, and in very many places groups of from five to thirty families may be found who have not been gathered into the fellowship of the Church in this country. A travelling missionary under the care of the Synod is greatly needed, who, with an experience of years in the pastoral work, could devote himself to this kind of labor, and prepare the way for the arrangement of this now neglected field into suitable districts, to be committed, under the direction of the Missionary Committee, to separate laborers. Nothing but this kind of mission work, among our brethren of the "dispersion," will reach the thousands of our scattered and neglected people who settle down in numberless places where we have neither church nor ministry. If the Synod, by

a special effort, could raise the means for the support of such a laborer, the result would be unexpectedly great and blessed.

THE INDIANA SYNOD.

We regret that no report of the Mission Committee of this Synod, nor yet a copy of the last Minutes, came into our hands. We can only refer in general to the fact, that this young Synod is engaged in missionary labor with commendable zeal. The Olney Mission, it is to be deeply regretted, through causes which need not here be referred to, has passed out of the control of the Synod. As the fruit of a mistaken policy, all the labor and expenditure at Olney has been thrown away.

THE TEXAS SYNOD.

No report of the missionary operations of this body among the Germans of Texas, has come into our hands. We are able, therefore, to state only in general terms, that the Synod is a missionary body, and its pastors are laboriously engaged in gathering in the scattered members of our communion into congregations. We have learned, incidentally, that the Synod is about to employ one or more travelling missionaries to labor in the more sparsely settled counties, as the only way of reaching the very needy German Lutheran population. The Synod earnestly ask their brethren in the North to enable them to prosecute this work with such a force as will make it successful. Most gladly would our Committee take charge of all funds which may be entrusted to us for this purpose.

THE HOLSTON SYNOD.

We are happy in being able to announce that this young Synod, located in Eastern Tennessee, has organized itself for missionary operations in the numerous destitute fields within its own territory. The Rev. G. H. Cox has been elected Superintendent of Missions, and his report indicates a deep interest on this subject. A number of promising stations and feeble congregations have been grouped together into missions, and these are either being cared for by separate laborers or by neighboring pastors. Among these is the *Bristol English Mission*, now in charge of Rev. Dr. A. J. Brown, but which has been gratuitously served for some time past by Dr. B. and Rev. Prof. Greiner, of Marion, Va. It is hoped ere long to organize a congregation and erect a church at this place. 2. *Knoxville English Mission*. The English interests of the Church have been in charge of the Rev. J. G. Schaidt, the pastor of the German Lutheran church, who officiates once every Sunday in English, and conducts an English Sunday

school likewise. 3. *The Wartburg German Mission.* The Rev. J. G. Schaidt has visited this distant field in Morgan county three times during the year, preaching nine times, baptizing nine children, confirming six young persons, and administering the communion to eighty-four persons. At Rockwood, Paint Rock and Kingston, the word was also faithfully preached, and the sacraments were administered. Efforts are being made to procure suitable laborers for this field, and for Chattanooga, who can officiate in both languages, and thus minister to the European Germans and the scattered English members of our communion who are found in all the places of importance.

CONCLUSION.

In reviewing the work of Domestic Missions in the Synods connected with the General Council, we call attention to the following facts:

1. The Home Missionary system of the General Council, so far from being a failure, is becoming more and more a success. Never before in the history of our American Church has there been anything like the present missionary activity. It is felt more fully than ever, that the chief business of the Synods, after the conservation of existing churches in the faith and life of Christ, is to give the gospel of salvation to all men.

2. The immediate result of this revived interest has been the supply, during the past year, of upwards of three hundred feeble mission churches, vacant congregations and destitute preaching stations with the pure word and the unadulterated sacraments. In addition to this, a great amount of missionary labor has been performed, in exploring new States and Territories, seeking out and organizing new fields and bringing the gospel to multitudes, "publicly and from house to house," among the emigrants, the new settlers, and the thousands of the dispersed members of our communion who are deprived of the means of grace.

3. The only possible way of establishing new churches in the large towns and cities of the new and weaker Synods, or of carrying the gospel into the new States and Territories where there are, as yet, no Synods, is for the older and stronger Synods to co-operate with the Executive Committee of the General Council. In this way alone can they follow their own people to their new homes and bless them with the gospel of the Saviour.

4. The *success* of the Domestic Mission work is intimately connected with the pastoral work. In the Augustana, the Pittsburgh and several other Synods, the vacant missions, as well as the vacant pastorates, are regularly supplied by the neighboring ministers. In the former Synod

one hundred and fifty churches and preaching stations were thus statedly visited, and cared for until many of them obtained their own pastors. In this way every destitute point was not only supplied, but *held* against disturbing forces. This plan is commended to the whole church as most successful, not only for the care of our many feeble missionary congregations, but as the means of awakening a deeper interest in pastors and people for the establishment of churches wherever there is spiritual need.

W. A. PASSAVANT,
For the Committee.

Report of Treasurer of Home Mission Fund.

THOMAS H. LANE, *in account with Home Mission Fund of General Council.*

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1875.	To cash per		
Oct. 1.	Rev. S. Laird, from Mrs. M. Riter	$	25 00
30.	" E. Smith, Treasurer Eng. Dist. Synod of Ohio		73 00
Dec. 15.	" P. P. Keller, New York City		25 00
1876.			
Jan. 31.	" S. Laird, from Mrs. Mary Hansel		100 00
	" " " Mrs. Caroline S. Bremer		100 00
	" " " Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer, D. D.		10 00
Feb. 22.	" " " Dr. H. H. Muhlenberg		50 00
May 2.	" Enoch Smith, E. D. S., Ohio		37 55
12.	Penn'a. Synod, Rev. A. T. Geissenhainer, Treas		100 00
June19.	" " " " "		900 00
21.	" Enoch Smith, E. D. S., Ohio		51 00
25.	" S. Laird, from Hon. D. M. Fox		100 00
	A member of St. John's Church, Phil'a		50 00
Sep. 8.	Ev. Lutheran Holston Synod		3 95
Oct. 6.	" S. Laird, from Mrs. M. Riter		25 00
14.	Pittsburgh Synod, Wm. P. Weyman, Treas		442 00
Nov. 10.	Canada Synod, H. Vandersmissen, Treas		111 62
	Balance overdrawn		1,044 28
			$3,248 40

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Oct. 1.	By balance overdrawn as per former statement	$	1,167 97
	" cash paid Rev. N. Aldrich		150 00
	" " " " H. Peters		300 00
	" " " " E. Belfour		1,525 00
	" " " for interest		93 43
	" " " " to Executors Thiel Estate		12 00
			$3,248 40

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer of the Committee on Home Missions of the General Council, and find it correct.

A. LANGE,
D. M. ARMOR,
Auditing Committee.

The report was accepted.

That part of the report on the Minutes of District Synods which had not been acted upon was then taken up.

Report on Minutes of District Synods.

Your Committee have found in the minutes submitted to them the following items claiming the attention of the General Council:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The proposed amendment of the title of the General Council, so as to read: "*General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America,*" has been approved by the Ministeriums of Pennsylvania and New York, the Pittsburgh Synod, the District Synod of Ohio, the Synod of Michigan, the Swedish Augustana Synod, the Synod of Texas, and the Indiana and Holston Synods.

The amendment proposed in Article 1, Section 3, so as to read: "*The General Council shall meet at such time, not less than once in three years, and such place, as a majority shall determine by ballot,*" was approved by the same Synods as the other. The Synod of Canada seems to have overlooked these amendments.

As both of these amendments have been approved by more than three-fourths of the Synods in the General Council, they have gone into effect.

LUTHERAN MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

The Charter, Constitution and By-Laws of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society was approved by the Holston Synod, but does not seem to have received the attention of the other Synods.

HOME MISSION FUNDS.

To the payment to the General Council's treasury of one-fifth of the moneys raised for Home Missions, the following Synods consent: Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Ohio and Canada. The Synods of Michigan, Texas, the Ministerium of New York and the Augustana Synod, say that their mission work at home will not allow it.

The Committee find in the Minutes of the several Synods nothing else requiring the attention of the General Council, except the following resolution adopted by the Synod of Indiana:

CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

"*Resolved,* That in the opinion of this Synod, the wants of our Church in the West demand the early establishing of a Theological Seminary in Chicago, Ill., as contemplated by the General Council, and that this Synod earnestly recommend to the General Council the immediate opening of said Seminary for the preparation of young men for mission work."

B. M. SCHMUCKER, *Chairman.*

Action on the item in this report referring to the Theological Seminary at Chicago, was postponed until the presentation of the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Last Convention, and the report itself was adopted.

Visitor from the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America.

A communication from the Rev. J. B. Reimensnyder was read, which was accompanied by his certificate of appointment to represent the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America, at this Convention of the General Council, whereupon the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, 1. That Rev. J. B. Reimensnyder is cordially welcomed by the General Council as a visiting brother, appointed by the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America, to convey to us the friendly hopes and wishes of that body.

Resolved, 2. That the General Council will be happy to hear from Rev. J. B. Reimensnyder any information he may desire to lay before us in regard to our Zion in the South.

Mr. Reimensnyder then addressed the Convention, and reply was made by the President, and the following was adopted :

Resolved, 3. That we appoint a member of this body to visit the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America at its next Convention, to express our cordial good wishes to that body.

A ballot was taken for members of the Executive Committee on Home Missions.

Adjourned. Prayer by Dr. Fry.

Tenth Session.

TUESDAY, October 17, 7 P. M.

The session was opened with prayer by Dr. Moldehnke.

The minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Convention.

Your Committee respectfully ask attention to the following items :

1. Page 10. Has the order for an Evening Service on the basis of the old Vesper Service of our Church been prepared ?

2. Page 15. Has Father Heyer's History of his Mission Work been completed?

3. Page 15. What progress has been made in the German edition of the Catechism?

4. Page 16. Are the Committee prepared to submit a Certificate of Ordination?

5. Page 16. Have the District Synods acted on the Change of Title of the General Council?

6. Page 16. Have the Orders for Ministerial Acts been prepared?

7. Page 35. Has the Committee on the Colloquium done anything?

8. Page 40. The Amendment to the Constitution, fixing times of meeting, comes up at this Convention.

9. Page 46. Has the Committee to prepare aids for Sunday Schools anything to report?

10. Page 46. What action have the District Synods taken with reference to the Constitution for the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society?

11. Page 48. What action will the Council take on Prof. Jacob's declination of the Professorship in the Chicago Seminary?

12. Page 63. Have the recommendations on the subject of Home Missions been complied with?

13. Page 64. Is the Committee on Relief Associations prepared to report?

Respectfully your Committee,

WM. HOPPE, OLIVER SAEGER,
J. A. KUNKELMAN, JOHN B. ZIMMELE.
J. TELLEEN,

The report was received and considered by items, to which the following answers were given:

1. The Order of *Evening Service for the German Church Book* has been prepared.

2. The *History of Father Heyer's Mission Work* has not been completed.

3. No progress has been made on the *German* edition of the *Catechism.*

4. The *Certificate of Ordination* has not been prepared.

5. The District Synods have adopted the change in the *Title of the General Council.* See report of Committee on Minutes of District Synods.

6. The *Orders for Ministerial Acts* have not been prepared.

7. No action has been taken by the Committee on the *Colloquium.*

8. The *Amendment to the Constitution* in regard to the times of meeting has been concurred in. See report of Committee on Minutes of District Synods.

9. The Committee on *Sunday School Aids* is prepared to report.

10. See report of Committee on Minutes of District Synods.

11. Action postponed until the report of the Directors of the Chicago Seminary is rendered.

12. Answered in report of the Committee on Minutes of District Synods.

13. The report of the Committee on *Relief Associations* has been presented.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of the Last Convention was adopted as a whole.

The tellers reported as the result of the ballot taken at the close of the preceding session, the election of the following

Executive Committee on Home Missions.

Revs. W. A. Passavant, G. A. Wenzel, S. Laird. J. K. Melhorn and E. Smith, and Messrs. T. H. Lane, A. Lange, W. W. Wattles, D. M. Armor and L. Kim.

The Committee appointed to nominate persons to serve on the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions, reported a list of names. An election was held, resulting in the choice of the following

Executive Committee on Foreign Missions.

Revs. B. M. Schmucker, F. Wischan, J. A. Kunkelman, H. Grahn and A. Spaeth, and Messrs. J. C. File and W. H. Staake.

Treasurer.

An election for a Treasurer was held in place of Mr. J. C. File, resigned, which resulted in the choice of W. H. Staake, Esq.

Aids for Sunday Schools.

Report of the Committee.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the General Council to "prepare suitable aids for imparting instruction in our Sunday

schools," and to "have published in the church papers, each week, an exposition of the lessons for the assistance of Sunday school teachers in their preparation of it," would respectfully report :

In the exercise of the authority granted to the Committee, and in order to carry out the instructions given to it by the Council, a series of Lesson Leaves was prepared by the Rev. Dr. J. Fry, a member of the Committee, based on selections from the Old Testament, and illustrating the Gospels for the church year. The lessons, with suitable explanations, were printed weekly in the *Lutheran and Missionary*, and the Leaves were published in separate form by the Lutheran Book Store. These Lesson Leaves are carefully prepared and are very favorably received by the churches, 14,000 copies of the Leaves being printed and circulated weekly.

The same selections on which Dr. Fry's Lesson Leaves are based, have been taken by Rev. E. A. Bauer, and Lesson Leaves prepared by him in the German language. They were printed in the *Lutherische Zeitschrift*, and also published in the form of Leaves. They are also very favorably received, and have been useful in our German Sunday schools.

A useful little book, entitled "Little Treasures for Little Children," was prepared by Rev. F. P. Mayser, also a member of the Committee, which is particularly intended for use in our Infant Schools. The lessons in this little book were not published in our church papers, but were issued in permanent book form by John Baer's Sons, in Lancaster.

Arrangements were sought to be made to have the Lesson Leaves translated into the Swedish language, and published for the use of the Sunday schools in our Swedish congregations, but without success. It is hoped, however, that successful arrangements can be made for the future. Meanwhile, Luther's Smaller Catechism and Barth's Bible History in Swedish, are used in our Swedish Sunday schools, a portion being taken every Sunday, and both the Catechism and Bible History being so divided as to get through the whole during the year.

Provision has been made for the supply of our Sunday schools with Lesson Leaves for the coming year. Rev. Dr. Fry will commence with the first Sunday in Advent, a second series of Lessons based on New Testament narratives, and illustrating the Gospel Pericopes. They will be printed, as heretofore, in the *Lutheran and Missionary*, and published by the Book Store, and the Leaves will be furnished at low rates to our Sunday schools. Arrangements are also contemplated to have them translated and published in the German and Swedish languages.

E. Greenwald, *Chairman.*

The report was received and adopted.

Governmental Oppression of our Church in Germany.

Report of the Committee.

The attention of the General Council having been called to the condition of our brethren in the faith in Germany, by an open letter to his Majesty the German Emperor, and "An open word to the people of the Reformation," a Committee was appointed to present appropriate resolutions in reference thereto.

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following for adoption:

Inasmuch as the modern German state, instead of affording protection and freedom to the Christian Church, for the true development of her being and life, is misapplying its powers in the service of a liberalism hostile to the Word of God and to his church, by the so-called May-laws, and the establishment of an upper civil, so-called, ecclesiastical court, and by other measures interfering with the faith, the confession and discipline of the church; inasmuch as the state, by a usurped semi-episcopate, composed of princely houses estranged from the Lutheran Church, or of such as are even maintaining a hostile attitude towards her, as in Prussia, seeks to fetter the church and enslave her to the state, endeavoring to humiliate her at will, and by so doing oppressing consciences, unchristianizing the people and undermining the welfare of the German nation; be it, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That though in this country, in the providence of God, we are saved from the interference of the civil power with the domain of the church, and are enjoying the blessings of liberty, we do nevertheless, according to the words of Paul, "If one member suffers, all the members suffer," heartily sympathize with the sufferings of our German brethren in the faith, and in their extremity intercede for them with the Lord, the only helper, head and ruler.

Resolved, 2. That as according to the word of the Apostle, judgment must first begin at the house of God, the German Church, which, in consequence of her silent submission to the control of the state in ecclesiastical affairs, yea, by even promoting the intermingling of both domains, is party to the blame, that the state, in which she placed far too much confidence, is now executing judgment upon her.

Resolved, 3. That we cherish the joyful confidence that the Lord will, through these tribulations, purify and cleanse his church and deliver her from the fetters with which the state has for centuries kept her bound, and which, in spite of all former assurances of the independence of the church, it is even now engaged in drawing still closer around the church by constitutional enactments.

Resolved, 4. That we, therefore, admonish our brethren in the faith, not to grow weary of their sufferings, and not to trust in an arm of flesh, but putting their trust in the name of their everlasting Gideon, bear witness to the word of truth, and with the weapons of righteousness carry on the conflict until the Lord's time comes, when all shall see how the Lord delivers Zion.

E. Moldehnke, *Chairman.*

The report was received. The resolutions contained in it were adopted, and the report was adopted as a whole.

German Sunday School Book.

Report of the Committee.

Your Committee respectfully report, that during the past year the German Sunday School Book has been published by the firms of F. Kohler, of Philadelphia, and S. K. Brobst & Co., of Allentown, with whom a contract has been made including the following points: The cost of the plates not to exceed the sum of $1,000, which is to be paid out of a royalty of five cents per copy, due to General Council. Alterations from the manuscript to be paid for extra, no interest being paid on the capital. The plates to be the property of this body. The wholesale price of the plain edition to be $33 per 100. The printing, binding and paper of the plain edition to be in conformity with certain specifications given in the contract. The copyright for all time to belong to the General Council.

Fifteen thousand two hundred and fifty copies have been printed so far, of which nearly eleven thousand have been sold.

The whole amount due to the publishing firms on the part of the General Council is $1,109.20; ($1,000 being the price of the plates, and $109.20 extra for boxes and alterations in plates.) In addition to this, the expenses of the members of the Committee will have to be defrayed out of the royalty. Only part of these expenses has, so far, been paid.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Spaeth,
B. M. Schmucker,
John Endlich.

The report was received. The President, German Recording Secretary and Treasurer were authorized to sign the contract with the publishers of the book. The report was then adopted.

Seal of the General Council.

Resolved, That the officers of the General Council be instructed to select a device for a seal for this body, and have it engraved.

The President announced the following

Committee to revise the German copy of the Constitution for Congregations.

Revs. H. Grahn, J. T. Voglebach and A. Spaeth.

Visitor to the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America.

The appointment of a visitor to this body was postponed until the next Convention.

Place and Time of next Convention.

An invitation to hold the next Convention of the Council in the Church of the Holy Communion in the city of Philadelphia, was accepted. The second Wednesday in October, A. D. 1877, was appointed as the time of meeting.

English Sunday School Book.

The desirableness of publishing an edition of the English Sunday School Book, *without the music*, having been brought to the attention of the Convention by the Rev. J. B. Rath, it was

Resolved, That the question of the publication of an edition of the English Sunday School Book without the music, be referred to the Committee on that work, and that they have authority to act in the matter.

It was also

Resolved, That the Committee on the English Sunday School Book be instructed to present an annual report to this body.

Thanks.

Resolved, That we return our sincere thanks to the pastors and congregations of Grace and Salem Churches, and to the good citizens of Bethlehem, whose generous hospitality we have so freely enjoyed, and whose fraternal kindness we shall long and gratefully remember.

Resolved, That the pastors of the churches be requested to read this resolution from their pulpits on next Lord's day.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be returned to the proprietors and reporter of the Bethlehem *Daily Times*, for the admirable report of our proceedings which they have published.

Resolved, That our thanks be returned to the North Penn'a.,

Lehigh Valley, and Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Companies, for railroad facilities furnished to the members of the Council.

Chicago Theological Seminary.

Action on the declination of Prof. H. E. Jacobs to accept the Professorship in the Chicago Theological Seminary, to which he had been elected, was postponed until the next Convention.

Constitution for Congregations.

The Secretaries were instructed to print the Constitution for Congregations in the Minutes of this year.

Minutes.

The Secretaries were instructed to have one thousand copies of the Minutes printed in German and English. It was also

Resolved, That the delegation from the Swedish Augustana Synod be authorized to translate and publish such parts of the Minutes, and in such manner as they may deem desirable; and that the cost of such publication be deducted from the contribution of that Synod to the General Fund of the Council.

The Minutes of this session were read and approved, and the Convention adjourned.

Closing Exercises.

The closing service was conducted by the President. The Council united in the Litany, the Lord's Prayer, and second and sixth Litany Collects. Part of the 274th Hymn of the English Church Book was then sung, and the Benediction pronounced by the President.

SAMUEL LAIRD,

English Recording Secretary of the General Council.

APPENDIX A.

Report of the Committee appointed to prepare a Constitution for Congregations.

CONSTITUTION.

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION BY

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS.

[The following parts have been adopted, viz., Arts. I, II and III, and Art. IV, Sec. 2. The rest of the document remains to be acted on.—SEC.]

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST:

We, members of the Church of Christ, forming a Congregation under the style and title [name of Congregation], [name of locality], unite in the establishment of the CONSTITUTION hereinafter following, as a statement of common rights, and a covenant of mutual duties as Christians, IN ORDER *to promote* our own growth in Holiness and to aid others in all things good; *to sustain* by the labor and gifts of love the pure Word and Sacraments as God's only appointed means for saving the lost and for edifying His people; and to *maintain* a discipline which shall aid in securing purity of doctrine, righteousness of life, and the peace and growth of the Church.

ARTICLE I.—1. This Congregation receives and adheres to the canonical books of the Old and New Testament, as the revealed Word of God and the only rule of faith and life, and to the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, especially the unaltered Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Catechism, as a correct and faithful exposition of the Divine Word, to which rule and confessions all instructions in the Church, the schools and family shall be conformed, and by which all questions of doctrine shall be decided; and with which all books of worship and instruction in the congregation shall accord.*

2. It shall be in union with a Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, whose doctrinal basis is in accordance with Art. I, 1, and IV, 3, of this Constitution.

ARTICLE II.—1. This Congregation shall consist of the Pastor or Pastors, and other members of the Church of Christ, who have been baptized and admitted to the Lord's Supper, and who unite themselves as one communion under this Constitution, by accepting the same and conforming to the duties it enjoins; and also such baptized members of

*Adopted at the Sixth Convention of the General Council.—Min. 1872, 17.

their households as have not yet reached the years of separate responsibility, and are subject by God's ordinance to their control, as parents or guardians.

2. All these members, so far as their years and spiritual fitness allow, have a *right* to the means of Grace provided for in the Congregation, and to the faithful observance towards them of the duties which pastors, officers and other members of the Church owe one to another.

3. It is the duty of all members of the Congregation to be steadfast in the baptismal covenant, and if they be parents or guardians, early to bring the children under their care within the same, presenting them for Holy Baptism, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, to urge their attendance upon the catechetical instruction of the pastor, and their preparation for the rite of confirmation and the Lord's Supper.. As they grow in years they are to grow in the knowledge and grace of God, diligently to study Holy Scripture, and use devout books which accord with it, to seek the light and aid of the Holy Spirit, and all other needful gifts, by fervent prayer, to examine themselves, to receive the Lord's Supper faithfully, and if possible, whenever it is celebrated, and regularly to use the ordinances of public, family and private devotion. They should be temperate in all things, should avoid all associations of an infidel or dubious kind, or which claim for themselves what God has given to His Church alone, should love and aid each other, and especially the needy and distressed, in every relation; and while they have regard to the household of faith even in things secular, should care for the souls and bodies of men everywhere. They should avoid all false teachers, and love, reverence, pray for, and heartily sustain faithful ministers; and should in all things be conformed to the mind and example of our most blessed Master and Saviour.

Article III.—1. Every male member of the Congregation, not under Church censure, twenty-one years of age, who, as he conscientiously judges God hath prospered him, regularly contributes in accordance with its plans of local support, and general beneficence shall be entitled to take active part in all its *meetings*, and to *vote* at all its elections.

The voters of the Congregation, inasmuch as they act as the representatives of common rights, should duly weigh the wants, convictions and wishes of all members of the Congregation.

2. Congregational Meetings shall be held regularly, as the Congregation may determine, and Special Meetings shall be called by the Church Council at the request of the Pastor, or of a majority of the Council, or of one-third of the voters, submitted in writing, with a statement of the object and with their signatures, to the Pastor, or during a vacancy, to the Council. They shall be duly announced, with a statement of their object, and shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.

3. At Congregational Meetings any questions connected with the welfare of the Congregation may be discussed, information called for from the Pastor, Council, or others; and business attended to, as ordered in the Constitution and By-Laws.

4. The Congregation has power to appoint *Special Committees* with definite or general instructions, to permit the organization of approved societies within itself, subject to its control, to elect or authorize the Council to elect delegates to Synod from the number of legal voters; and to attend to all business for which it has not made other provision in the Constitution.

ARTICLE IV.—1. The permanent and ordinary offices of the Congregation shall be the Pastorate and the Diaconate.

2. The *Chief Officers* of the Christian Congregation are named in the New Testament: Pastors or Shepherds, Bishops, Presbyters, or Elders, and as they that have the rule in the Lord, all which names designate one and the same class of officers, whose dignity, rights and general duties are under Divine appointment the same, and are inalienable and unchangeable.

3. Every Pastor of this Congregation must, at his ordination or installation, be obligated to the Confession of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, namely: the Apostles, the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, the Augsburg Confession, the Apology, the Smalcald Articles, the Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, and solemnly promise to perform the duties of his office in conformity with the same, as a pure and correct presentation of the doctrine of Holy Scripture.* He shall be or become a member of the Synod with which the Congregation is united. He shall sign the Constitution of this Congregation, and faithfully carry out the duties it assigns him.

4. It shall be the duty of the Pastor, as the *Teacher* and *Spiritual* guide of the flock, prayerfully to study, and to hold and teach the pure truth of God's Word, and to set, in public and private, an example of unfeigned holiness, sound judgment and propriety.

He shall conduct the public service of God's House on the Sundays and other festival days of the Church year; shall allow nothing in the music of the Church in conflict with devotion; shall permit no one to occupy the pulpit of whose soundness in the faith confessed by the Lutheran Church there is reason to doubt; shall carefully instruct the young and all others needing it, in the Catechism; shall watch over the Sunday school and other schools of the Church; shall confirm those who, having been duly instructed, give satisfactory evidence that they are earnestly desirous of being faithful followers of Christ. He shall baptize publicly, except in special cases, and all private baptisms shall be publicly announced. He shall administer the Lord's Supper to all those of whose desire to come to it he has been notified, and of whose fitness, both as to faith and life, he is satisfied, as also, if he shall judge best, to members unable from age or sickness to come to the House of God, and to communicants who may desire to participate with them. He shall be active in the work of a Pastor, most of all among the poor, the sick, the sorrowing, and among all those whose spiritual estate specially demands his care. He shall perform the marriage ceremony in strict accordance with the laws of the State and of God; shall use the burial service for the dead who die in the fellowship of the Church; shall earnestly urge and carry out the discipline; shall promote all

*Minutes of Council, 1872, 17.

wise plans of Christian beneficence and effort; and shall labor to prevent all deadness and fanaticism, all schism, heresy, separation and alienation in the Congregation.

5. It shall be the duty of the Pastor, as an officer of the Church, to preside at all meetings of the Council and of the Congregation, unless he be voluntarily absent, or is temporarily unwilling for special reasons to preside, in either of which cases he shall have the right, if he so desires, of nominating a person from the Officers of the Church to take his place.

All public statements of excommunication and restoration shall be made by him, and no excommunication or restoration shall be pronounced which he conscientiously believes to be contrary to God's law and the discipline of this Church. No official act of the Council or Congregation shall take effect without his knowledge, and his having an opportunity of being heard; and during a vacancy in the pastorate, or in the involuntary, or necessary absence of the Pastor, no business in the Congregation or Council shall be finally disposed of, of such a character that the Pastor as a chief officer of the Church has a right to be heard in it.

6. Charges against a Pastor of heresy, immorality, or of other causes of unfitness for his office, shall not be received by any member except in the presence of two or three members of the Congregation, competent to be witnesses. If these thus hearing a charge regard it as, for any reason, of importance, they shall make it known to the Pastor. If in conference with the Pastor, he or they shall think it necessary, it shall be laid before the Church Council. If the Council, its member ripest in years presiding temporarily, shall regard it best, after an investigation, in which the Pastor shall have the fullest rights of a hearing, the case shall be laid before the President of Synod, to be acted upon in accordance with the Synodical Constitution.

7. The Pastor shall keep a *record* of his ministerial acts in the Congregation in a book to be by them provided, and remain their property. He shall make a full record of the Baptisms, infant and adult, of Confirmations, of the times of Communion, and the number of Communicants, with a complete list of the same, of persons received from other Congregations, and of persons honorably dismissed, of persons excommunicated and of the time of their restoration, and of marriages, burials, and other items which he shall deem of importance, in the history of the Congregation. All these shall be so recorded that, if necessary, they may be available as legal evidence.

8. When there is a *vacancy* in the Pastorate, the Council shall inform the President of the Synod, and solicit his advice, shall see to the supply of the pulpit, shall nominate, after prayerful examination, a candidate who is eligible, according to Art. IV, 3, and who has the necessary gifts, bodily and spiritual, purity of Christian character, sound judgment and personal activity. One candidate only shall be nominated at one time, to be voted for or against, by the electors specified in Art. III, 1, and the election and its returns shall be under the care of judges.

9. When a Pastor has been elected by a majority of the legal voters, an official written statement of this fact, signed by the officers of the

Church, shall be sent him, and this shall constitute his *call*, and should specify the support guaranteed him.

ARTICLE V.—1. The *Deacons* are primarily the executive aids of the Pastors in the work of Christ for and in the Congregation, and may have assigned them any duties, in keeping with this object, and with the divine and unchangeable duties and rights of the people and of the Pastors. They must be regular communicants, of good and established repute for personal character, wisdom and energy. They shall be installed, with the laying on of the Pastor's hands. They may elect from their number a Treasurer and Secretary, and, if needed, assistants to both.

2. Their *duties* are of such a nature as to leave the Pastor, as nearly as may be, unobstructed time and energy for the directly spiritual part of his official work, and also to aid him in that work by their counsels and co-operation. They shall attend to the collection and disbursing of moneys, given by the Congregation for the relief of the poor, and for the objects of Christian beneficence; shall see that the Pastor has a sufficient salary and that it be promptly paid; that the House of God be kept in repair, and in a condition fitting the Sanctuary of the Most High; that it be opened and prepared for public services at the times appointed, and that proper sextons and others of like functions be provided; that strangers or occasional attendants be courteously received; that it be not diverted to any uses alien to its character; that the proper vessels and elements be provided for the Sacraments; that the graveyard and all other property be secured to the Congregation in conformity with the law, and be placed under the proper regulations; and that in common with all the members, yet pre-eminently they, be ready to take part, especially at the call of the Pastor, in the visitation and care of the sick, the needy, the bereaved, and the distressed, and in the maintenance of pure discipline and a holy life in the Congregation, most of all by being themselves ensamples of all good works.

ARTICLE VI.—1. The *Council* of the Church consists of the Pastor or Pastors and the Deacons, as the constitutional executive officers of the Congregation. Trustees required by law for the holding of Church property, may be chosen from the Council.

2. *Senior members of the Church*, men regarded by common consent as of long approved character for piety and wisdom, shall be consulted by the Pastor and Council, especially in serious cases of discipline, and may be invited, or by a resolution of the Congregation in any special case, may be nominated, to be present and give their advice at the meeting of the Council at which it is to be determined.

ARTICLE VII.—1. Inasmuch as the care of the *young* is one of the most important duties of the Congregation, the religious education of the children of the Church should be provided for, not only at home, but in good schools, and Church members should avoid all schools under Roman Catholic, heretical or infidel influence, or which are of a negative character.

2. *Sunday Schools* and *Parochial Schools* shall be under the control of the Congregation, and their constitution and acts are to be subject to its discipline and direction.

ARTICLE VIII.—1. The Congregation is not only to acknowledge

the obligations of God's law as a guide of life, and a corrector of evil, but is faithfully to use it, in discipline for these ends. The discipline of the Church must be purely moral and spiritual, and in no case can pass beyond the withholding of her recognition, fellowship and communion from offenders.

2. Violation of the Divine commands should be followed by instruction, warnings and exhortation by a member to whom the wrong is known, or by the Pastor, first privately, then before witnesses. This failing of its proper effect, the case shall be laid before the Church, as represented in the Pastor and other Officers of the Congregation, and if the offender persistently refuses to hear the Church, he shall be suspended from the communion till there be credible evidence of true penitence and reformation. Acts of discipline and the publication of them, shall require the concurrence of the Pastor and Deacons, who by the authority of the Church and in its name shall examine charges brought by reliable witnesses against the conduct of members. The charges against a member shall be given to him in writing; he is entitled to be present through the whole actual procedure against him, and has the right of being heard and of producing testimony in his own defence. The suspension and restoration may be publicly announced, where the scandal has been very great and open. Questions of appeal from the decision in the discipline of the Congregation shall be referred in accordance with the Constitution of the Synod with which it is connected.

Article IX.—1. By-Laws, not in conflict with the letter or spirit of the Constitution, may be made by each Congregation, to provide an order of business, to fix the time and place for announcing and holding Congregational Meetings and Elections, and the way of conducting both; to determine the proportion which shall constitute a quorum; to fix the age at which men may be chosen as Deacons, and the length of the time of service, whether for life or for a limited term; to establish and direct Parochial and Sunday Schools; to fix the details of procedure in the discipline of members; to regulate the making and changing of the By-Laws themselves, and in general to conduct all things, whose general princples and methods are defined in the Constitution, but whose details are undetermined.

2. *Amendments of this Constitution*, not in conflict with its fundamental principles as defined in Article I. 1, and IV. 3, may be made by the Congregation, by a vote of two-thirds of its legal voters, after due announcement and deliberation.

APPENDIX B.

**Account of the Treasurer of the Immigrant Mission from October 1st, 1875, to October 1st, 1876.*

RECEIPTS.

1875.		
Oct. 1st.	Cash on hand, - - - - -	$285 25
	From collections during the year, - -	264 10
	By a legacy of Mrs. Amelia Bauer, received through her son, Aug. Bauer, High Hill, Tex.	115 33
	By a legacy of John Adam Stark, received through his son, G. H. Stark, Greensburg, Pa.	200 00
		$864 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to C. Janischen, salary due for former years,	$161 00
Paid to the Missionary (W. Berkemeier), salary,	660 83
For advertisements, - - - -	10 00
For sundries, - - - -	2 25
	$834 08

Receipts, - - -	$864 68	
Disbursements, -	834 08	
Balance on hand, -		$30 60

(Signed) JOHN MOLLER.

NEW YORK, October 1, 1876.

* This report was received after the adjournment of the Council.—SEC.

STATISTICS OF THE DISTRICT SYNODS.

SYNODS.	Organized.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Time and Place of Next Convention.
1 Ministerium of Pennsylvania	1748	187	373	76,033	Allentown, Pa. Trnity Sunday, 1877.
2 Ministerium of New York	1787	70	68	27,599	Buffalo, N. Y., June 7, 1877.
3 Pittsburgh Synod	1845	64	133	10,759	Butler, Pa., August 29, 1877.
4 District Synod of Ohio	1857	25	63	6,677	Doylestown, Ohio, September 19, 1877.
5 Michigan Synod	1858	25	30	3,300	Waterloo, Mich., October 14, 1877.
6 Augustana Synod (Swedish)*	1860	103	246	33,265	
7 Canada Synod	1861	23	58	6,250	Black Creek, Ontario, June 19, 1877.
8 Texas Synod	1851	29	27	4,110	
9 Indiana Synod	1871	16	42	2,030	East Germantown, Ind., Sept. 18, 1877.
10 Holston Synod	1861	14	28	2,700	St. Paul's Church, Monroe County, Tenn., August 30, 1877.
1 German Synod of Iowa	1854	122	190	12,600	—— —— —— 1879.
2 Norwegian-Danish Augustana Synod	1860	15	50	7,000	Beloit, Iowa, June 2, 1877.
		693	1,308	192,323	

* Last year's report.

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION,
PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 10, A. D. 1877.

THE Eleventh Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America was held in the Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D., Pastor. It was opened with Divine service, on Wednesday morning, Oct. 10, 1877, at 10 o'clock, at which time the annual sermon was preached by the President, Rev. C. P. Krauth, D. D., LL.D., on the text: "Then answered the Jews and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan?" John viii. 48. After which the Holy Communion was administered.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 10, 2½ P. M.

The devotional service of the first business session was conducted by the President.

The roll of Synods was called, the certificates of delegates were handed in, and their names entered upon the

ROLL OF THE COUNCIL.

I. German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States.

MINISTERS.	LAYMEN.
Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D. D.,	Hon. D. M. Fox,
" A. Spaeth, D. D.,	Mr. L. L. Houpt,
" W. J. Mann, D. D.,	" H. Lehman,
" B. M. Schmucker, D. D.,	" J. C. File,
" C. P. Krauth, D. D.,	" T. H. Diehl,
" J. A. Seiss, D. D.,	W. H. Staake, Esq.,
" J. Fry, D. D.,	Mr. R. B. Miller,
" E. Greenwald, D. D.,	Prof. S. P. Sadtler,
" J. A. Kunkelman,	Mr. G. Heins,

MINISTERS.	LAYMEN.
Rev. J. B. Rath,	Mr. A. W. Potteiger,
" G. A. Hinterleitner,	" J. K. Heyl,
" R. Hill,	" A. Stanley Ulrich.
" F. J. F. Schantz.	

II. Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York and Adjacent States and Countries.

Rev. W. Hoppe,	Mr. E. C. Körner,
" C. Volz,	" N. Betjeman,
" E. F. Moldehnke, Ph. D.,	" W. A. Schmitthenner,
" L. Halfman,	" G. Dencker,
" E. Hoffman,	" F. Schack,
" J. H. Baden,	" T. Baist.
" P. Krug.	

III. Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. W. F. Ulery,	Mr. D. M. Armor,
" S. Laird,	" H. Jarecki,
" W. A. Passavant, D. D.,	" E. J. Schmauck,
" G. A. Wenzel,	" S. J. Beck,
" J. Sarver,	" A. H. Kinnard,
" H. W. Roth.	" T. B. Roth.

IV. Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio.

Rev. J. Weber,	Mr. J. M. Keffer,
" J. F. Fahs,	" S. D. Miller.
" E. Smith.	

V. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Michigan and Other States.

Rev. S. Klingman.

VI. Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod. Swedish.

Rev. E. Norelius,
" E. Carlson,
" P. J. Swärd,
" C. E. Lindberg,
" J. Telleen.

VII. Evangelical Lutheran Canada Synod.

Rev. J. Fishburn,	Mr. H. Vandersmissen.

VIII. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas.

Rev. J. G. Lieb.

IX. Indiana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.
Rev. J. G. M. Hursch.

X. Holston Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.
Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D.

With Privilege of Debate.

I. German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa.
Rev. S. Fritschel.

Other Clergymen Present.

The names of the following visiting clergymen "who are with this body in the unity of the faith as defined in its Fundamental Principles," were given to the Secretaries:

Rev. H. Grahn,
" C. F. Welden,
" J. K. Plitt,
" B. Sadtler, D. D.,
" F. A. Muhlenberg, D. D.,
" J. F. Bayer,
" J. G. Neiffer,
" F. Wischan,
" G. F. Woerner,
" F. A. Kaehler,
" L. H. Gerndt,
" J. L. Becker,
" S. A. K. Francis,
" D. K. Kepner,
" J. Neff,
" E. E. Sibole,
" W. S. Emery,
" S. R. Boyer,
" F. W. Weiskotten,
" W. O. Cornman,
" M. O. Rath,
" W. H. Myers,
" J. R. Groff,
" J. W. Hassler,
" J. T. Voglebach,
" R. F. Weidner,
" J. Q. McAtee,
" H. S. Miller,
" H. B. Strodach,

Rev. J. F. Ohl,
" J. J. Kuendig,
" G. H. Trabert,
" F. P. Bender,
" C. Koerner,
" D. L. Roth,
" C. J. Hirzel,
" H. N. Fegely,
" A. Schultes,
" W. K. Frick,
" J. W. Rumple,
" J. Nicum,
" H. M. Bickel,
" J. H. A. Kitzmiller,
" E. A. Fogelstroem,
" Thure O. Linell,
" H. O. Lindleblad,
" R. S. Wagner,
" F. F. Buermyer,
" C. J. Cooper,
" Z. H. Gable,
" L. G. Eggers,
" J. C. Dizinger,
" J. H. Fritz,
" P. Pfatteicher,
" A. J. Weddell,
" E. B. Kramlich,
" F. A. Huntzinger,
" P. Isenschmid.

Rev. G. A. Bruegel,
" W. Berkemeier,
" F. P. Mayser,
" S. S. Henry,
" C. A. Fetzer,
" J. J. Cressman,
Rev. M. H. Richards,
" B. W. Schmauck,
" L. Groh,
" F. Walz,
" F. A. Kaehler.

The Council then proceeded to *elect officers* for the ensuing year. Rev. J. Fry, and Messrs. S. J. Beck and D. M. Armor, were appointed tellers to conduct the election.

It was resolved to hold the business sessions from 9 to 12 o'clock in the morning, and from 2½ to 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The following committees were, on motion, ordered to be appointed by the President, viz.: 1. *A committee on religious services;* 2. *An auditing committee;* 3. *A committee on the minutes of the last convention;* 4. *A committee on the minutes of District Synods.*

The Roll of Synods was called, and minutes and documents intended for the action of the convention were handed in.

The President of the New York Ministerium gave notice that "an appeal in reference to the practical interpretation of the Galesburg Rule in other Synods, especially in the Ministerium of Pennsylvania," would be presented from the New York Ministerium.

The Tellers reported the election of the following

Officers.

President, ...	Rev. C. P. Krauth, D. D., LL.D.
German Recording Secretary, .	Rev. E. F. Moldehnke, Ph. D.
English Recording Secretary, .	Rev. S. Laird.
English Corresponding Secretary,	Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D.
German Corresponding Secretary,	Rev. G. A. Wenzel.
Swedish Corresponding Secretary,	Rev. J. Telleen.
Treasurer, ...	W. H. Staake, Esq.

The President announced the following committee on Religious Services, viz.: Revs. J. A. Seiss, W. J. Mann, A. Spaeth, and J. A. Kunkelman.

The Theses prepared by Dr. Krauth on *Pulpit and Altar Fellowship* were made the order for Thursday and Friday mornings.

Friday afternoon was set apart for the consideration of the subject of *Foreign Missions.*

The consideration of the *Constitution for Congregations* was made the order for Thursday afternoon.

All papers relating to the *New York Immigrant Mission* and the *Emigrant House Association of New York*, were ordered referred to a special committee.

The President invited all Lutheran ministers present, who are with this body in the unity of the faith as defined in its Fundamental Principles, to give their names to the Secretaries, to be entered on the minutes.

The Treasurer read his report. It was received and referred to the following auditing committee, viz.: Messrs. R. B. Miller, E. C. Körner, H. Jarecki, and J. M. Keffer..

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. L. Halfman.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, Oct. 11, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D.

The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

The President announced the following committees:

Committee on Minutes of last Convention: Revs. A. J. Brown, R. Hill, P. J. Swärd, and Messrs. L. L. Houpt, and N. Betjeman.

Committee on Minutes of District Synods: Revs. H. W. Roth, J. B. Rath, W. Hoppe, E. Smith, S. Klingman, J. Telleen, J. Fishburn, J. G. M. Hursch, and Messrs. W. A. Schmitthenner, M. Jacobi and S. D. Miller.

Committee on N. Y. Immigrant Mission and Emigrant House Association: Revs. A. Spaeth, E. Hoffman, W. F. Ulery, J. G. Lieb, J. Weber and Messrs. E. J. Schmauck, H. Lehman and H. Vandersmissen.

Pulpit and Altar Fellowship.

The Theses prepared by Dr. Krauth on this subject were taken up in order for discussion. Pending consideration of the first thesis, adjourned. Prayer by Dr. Mann.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, October 11, 2½ P. M.

The opening service was conducted by Rev. S. Klingman.

The minutes were read and approved.

The regular order of the afternoon was set aside to hear the

Appeal of the New York Ministerium,

in reference to the practical application of the "Galesburg Rule." The paper was read, and on motion referred to a committee of five, which was instructed to report on Monday morning. The chair appointed the committee as follows: Revs. W. A. Passavant, E. Norelius and A. J. Brown and Messrs. D. M. Armor and P. Kennedy.

Constitution for Congregations.

The consideration of this subject was resumed at the point at which it was pending at the time of the adjournment of the last convention, viz.: the first section of the fifth article. Article V. (Sections 1 and 2) was adopted.

The first and third sections of Art. IV. were adopted.

Pending discussion on the fourth section of the Fourth Article,* adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. W. F. Ulery.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, Oct. 12, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. E. Greenwald, D. D. The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

Pulpit and Altar Fellowship.

The consideration of the Theses on this subject was resumed, and on motion further discussion of the first thesis was postponed, and the second thesis taken up, under which it was resolved to consider such others of the theses as referred to the relation of the "Galesburg Rule" to the Word of God and the Confessions. The discussion continued during the entire session, and was made the order for Saturday morning.

Adjourned. Prayer by Dr. Spaeth.

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* N. B. The following parts of the Constitution for congregations have been adopted, viz.: Arts. I., II., III. and V., and Secs. 1, 2 and 3 of Art. IV.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, Oct. 12, 2½ P. M.

The Rev. W. Hoppe conducted the devotional service.

The minutes were read and approved.

Foreign Missions.

In considering the subject of Foreign Missions it was resolved to admit to the privilege of debate, those members of the Executive Committee who are not members of the convention, and to have all the letters of the missionaries read with the report.

The Report of the Executive Committee was read and received.* The consideration of that part of it which refers to the funds in the hands of the Rev. A. E. Frey was postponed until Monday, and the Rev. L. Halfman was requested to invite Pastor Frey to be in attendance atthat time.

The following persons were elected

The Executive Committee on Foreign Missions.

Revs. A. Spaeth, B. M. Schmucker, J. A. Kunkelman, H. Grahn, and F. Wischan, and Messrs. J. C. File and W. H. Staake.

The Treasurer's Report

was reported back to the convention by the Auditing Committee, with their endorsement of its correctness, as follows:

General Fund.

Wm. H. Staake, Treasurer of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, charges himself as follows, viz.:

1876.			DR.		
Oct. 18.	To cash		amount received from Pittsburgh Synod quota for the synodical year ending Sept. 1, 1876, per Rev. Laird	$104	84
" 28.	"	"	amount from J. A Geissenhainer, Esq., late treasurer, balance in his hands	129	60
1877.					
June 9.	"	"	amount received from Texas Synod, per Rev. R. Jaeggli	14	85
July 17.	"	"	from the Ministerium of the State of New York, collected for synodical year 1877–8, per Wm. A. Schmitthenner, treasurer	114	00
Oct. 10.	"	"	Pittsburgh Synod, per Rev. S. Laird	112	25
" "	"	"	Mr. F. Schack	1	00
				$476	54

*See Tenth Session.

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The treasurer claims credit for the following disbursements:

1876.			
Nov. 4.	By cash paid Rev. Saml. Laird, English Secretary, printing English minutes, 1875	$186 20	
" " " "	expense for distributing the same	29 06	
" " " "	expressage on treasurer's book	30	
1877.			
July 19.	" " paid J. H. Schwacke for printing and expense of distributing German minutes of 1876	148 00	
Oct. 10.	" " S. Laird, expenses distributing English minutes of 1876	18 00	
" " " "	Bakewell, Marthens & Co., printing English minutes, 1876	94 98	
			$476 54

Wm. H. Staake, *Treasurer.*

Home Mission Fund.

1876. Dr.

Oct. 28. To cash received from J. A. Geissenhainer, Esq., former treasurer $111 62

1876. Cr.

Nov. 4. By cash paid to treasurer of Home Mission Committee.. $111 62

Wm. H. Staake, *Treasurer.*

Foreign Mission Fund.

1876. Dr.

Oct. 28.	To cash received from former Treasurer	$167 90	
" 18.	" " " Rev. W. Eichelberger, West Virginia	3 00	
" " " " "	Collection Oct. 5th, Trinity Church, Reading	25 00	
" " " " "	Collection Oct. 10, '76, St. John's Church, Allentown	20 15	
" " " " "	Oct. 13, '76, Grace Church, Bethlehem	36 75	
" " " " "	Iowa Synod, J. A. List, Treasurer	50 00	
Nov. 17.	" " " Ev. L. Zion's Church, Fredonia, Washtenaw Co., Mich., per Rev. S. Klingman	25 00	
Dec. 26.	" " " Ev. L. Salem cong., Mich., per Rev. Klingman	25 00	
1877.			
Jan. 23.	" " " C. F. Stroh, of St. Paul's German Church, Phila	3 00	
" " " " "	J. G. Haas, Carlisle, Pa	5 00	
" " " " "	Jno. C. File, Treas. Mission Society, Zion's Church, Philada	71 00	
" " " " "	Rev. C. Albrecht, Miamisburg, O	15 00	
" 29.	" " " Rev. Aug. E. Frey, *Missions Blatt*, per Rev. Wischan	502 50	
" " " " "	per Rev. A. Wetzel, of Ministerium of New York	707 49	
Feb. 1.	" " " Rev. F. J. F. Schantz, for Church Building at Rajahmundry, from Sunday-school of Frieden's Church, Myerstown, Pa., Epiphany collection	11 00	

Feb. 1.	To cash received	Rev. Jno. W. Hassler, S. S., New Holland, Lancaster Co., Pa.....	$8 75
" "	" " "	Rev. Jno. W. Hassler, "Unknown," Building Fund.....	10 00
" "	" " "	F. Ernst, Brenham, Texas.....	2 00
" 3.	" " "	for Building Fund, Miss K Ashmead, Germantown.....	10 00
		K. E. S.....	5 00
		Mrs. E. F. A. S.....	5 00
		W. A. S.....	5 00
" 5.	" " "	per Rev. Dr. C. W Schaeffer.....	5 00
" 6.	" " "	" " P. Isenschmid, Wilmington, Del., collection	20 00
" "	" " "	D. W. Peterson, Utica, N. Y.....	5 00
" "	" " "	Mission Society, Mr. B.....	1 00
" "	" " "	Mrs. Steinkamp.....	75
" 9.	" " "	Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D. D., Margaret McCauly.....	3 00
" "	" " "	Amanda Würz.....	2 00
" 12.	" " "	Rev. F. P. Mayser, Building Fund, Lancaster, Pa., Epiphany collection	10 00
" 14.	" " "	Rev. Dr. Krotel, New York, Church of Holy Trinity.....	100 00
" 16.	" " "	H. N. Fegley, St. Mark's Church, Mechanicsburg, Building Fund...	20 00
" 20.	" " "	Rev. J. G. Seeb, Sturgis, Michigan.	7 00
" "	" " "	Mission Society, 1st Ev. L. Church, Rochester, per C. W. Hoppe.....	35 00
" 22.	" " "	J. J. Meissner, Lansing, Mich.....	1 00
" 26.	" " "	J. A. List, Iowa Synod.....	30 00
" "	" " "	Rev. Josias Pulter, Nebraska.....	3 00
" "	" " "	per Dr. Spaeth, Adam Shoop, Nokomus, Ill.....	1 25
" "	" " "	Dr. Schmucker, St. Paul's S. S., Building Fund, Annville, Lebanon Co.....	10 00
" "	" " "	Rev. Wm. Graef, Brenham, Texas, per Rev. Wischan.....	4 00
Mch. 2.	" " "	Rev. Klingman, Ann Arbor, Mich..	70 00
" "	" " "	Rev. L. Q. M. Miller, for College Ch., Salem, Roanoke, Va., Building Fund.....	29 00
" 6.	" " "	of Salem's Lutheran church, per Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, Building Fund, Bethlehem, Pa.....	52 00
" 9.	" " "	per Rev. Wischan, Rev. A. E. Frey, *Missions Blatt*.....	11 40
" 12.	" " "	of Mrs. Louisa Schmid.....	5 00
" 17.	" " "	of *Pilger Buchhandlung*, Pastor Zuber, Gorham, N. Y. of K. B.....	7 00
" "	" " "	per Pastor Lieb, Brenham, Texas..	1 00
" "	" " "	Miss Helen Herbst, Cincinnati.....	6 00
" 26.	" " "	per Rev. Dr. Spaeth, from readers of *Jugendfreund*, for Building Fund	107 70
" 28.	" " "	per Rev. W. F. Steimle, for Mission Society of the E. L. Zion's Ch., Brooklyn, E. D.....	25 00
" "	" " "	per Dr. Schmucker, from Rev. F. Richards, Zanesville, O., Building Fund.....	10 50
Ap'l 2.	" " "	Chr'n Butz, Wawaka, Ills.....	2 50

Ap'l	"	To cash	received		E. H., Phil'a, through Pastor Wischan	$1 00
"	9.	"	"	"	Rev. A. E. Frey, *Missions Blatt*, per Rev. Wischan	25 20
"	10.	"	"	"	Rev. Muehlhauser, per Rev. Wischan	12 00
"	16.	"	"	"	St. Michael's S. S., Germantown, per Rev. Kaehler	30 00
"	17.	"	"	"	per Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, Zelienople	5 00
"	24.	"	"	"	Ida Boettger, reader of *Jugendfreund*	25
"	"	"	"	"	Norwegian Augustana Synod, per Rev. A. A. Klove,	130 00
"	25.	"	"	"	St. Mark's Sewing S., Phil'a, per Mrs. Buckman for H. W. Knauff	30 00
"	"	"	"	"	for Susan Monroe, pupil of the mission school	12 73
"	27.	"	"	"	Rev. A. E. Frey, per Dr. Spaeth	15 00
"	"	"	"	"	from Emmanuel's cong. Brenham, Texas, per Pastor Ernst	3 00
"	"	"	"	"	Widow's mite	1 00
"	"	"	"	"	Readers of *Jugendfreund* per Dr. Spaeth	48 55
"	"	"	"	"	Readers of *Jugendfreund* per Rev. Carl Ahrens, Dunkirk, N. J.	2 10
May	4.	"	"	"	Rev. A. E. Frey, per Rev. Wischan.	38 53
"	17.	"	"	"	Ministerium of Penna., per A. T. Geissenheiner	52 14
May	17.	"	"	"	from Rev. Klingman from various parties for the Building Fund	8 50
"	"	"	"	"	Rev. Klingman for starving people	5 00
"	18.	"	"	"	Ev. Lutheran Sunday-school, Lagrange, Mo., for Building Fund.	1 70
"	23.	"	"	"	Frau v. Pittsfield	50
"	31.	"	"	"	Rev. Jacob Siegnst, Stillwater, Minn.	1 00
June	1.	"	"	"	from Readers of *Jugendfreund* per Dr. Spaeth for Building Fund	24 29
"	8.	"	"	"	from Ministerium of Penna	600 00
"	9.	"	"	"	Rev. R. Jaeggli, Texas Synod	12 90
"	"	"	"	"	Rev. R. Jaeggli for Building Fund	1 85
"	18.	"	"	"	per *Pilger Buchhandlung*, C. H. Gratz, Washington, D. C.	1 00
"	"	"	"	"	Rev. Wm. Wackernagel, collection Mauch Chunk	3 99
"	"	"	"	"	N. N., collected at a baptism	2 25
"	"	"	"	"	W. Kraft, Victoria, Texas, from cong.	10 00
"	27.	"	"	"	H. P. Schaefer per Pastor Raible, Mich Synod	20
"	"	"	"	"	Pastor Chr. Eberhardt, Saginaw City	5 00
"	"	"	"	"	Mr. Jno. Fromer, Saginaw City	2 00
"	"	"	"	"	Zion's Gemeinde, Kalamazoo, from the mission's offering boxes	8 07
"	"	"	"	"	Zion's Gemeinde, Fredonia, Mich., Pastor Bauman	16 00
"	"	"	"	"	Sebewaing, H. Gangenness	32 93
"	"	"	"	"	Stephen's Gemeinde in Adrian, per C. F. Hausman	10 00
"	30.	"	"	"	Rev. Jno. Epperle, Lansing, Mich.	5 75
"	"	"	"	"	H. Pfenninger, Brenham, Texas, cong. $3, self $2	5 00
"	"	"	"	"	Readers of *Jugendfreund* per Dr. Spaeth	67 65

July 2.	To cash received	Rev. Klingman, Michigan Synod, St. George's Gemeinde, Livingstone co.	$7 75
" "	" " "	St. Peter's Gemeinde	2 00
" "	" " "	Dietr. Dolle	1 00
" 12.	" " "	per Rev. A. Kuss, St. Johannes S. S., Gordenville, Erie co., N. Y.	3 00
" 17.	" " "	Ministerium State of N. Y., balance of collection for 1876-77, per W. A. Schmitthenner, Tr.	58 50
" "	" " "	ditto for amount collected Synodical year 1877-8, ($30 of which is for the education of ministers in India)	765 61
Aug. 13.	" " "	Rev. A. E. Frey	26 59
" 24.	" " "	Mission Fund, Mich. Synod, per Pastor Raible, namely, Frau D. Frey, $5; Fillmore, Allegh. co., Mich., $1; church in Hopkins, Mich., $5	11 00
Sept. 17.	" " "	per Rev. L. Q. M. Miller, Big Lick Church, Salem, Roanoke co., Virginia	12 90
" 26.	" " "	Rev. A. E. Frey, per Rev. Wischan.	63 30
Oct. 1.	" " "	Webster Eichelberger, Capon Springs, Va	2 50
" 5.	" " "	Readers of *Jugendfreund*, per Brobst, Diehl & Co.	96 07
" 8.	" " "	Readers of *Jugendfreund*, per Dr. Spaeth	9 60
" "	" " "	Readers of *Jugendfreund*. per Dr. Spaeth	1 25
" 9.	" " "	per *Pilger Buchhandlung*, Lewis Kiehl, Reading, Pa.	5 00
" "	" " "	Mrs. Louisa Heitd, Loudonville, O., per Rev. C. Gebauer	50
" "	" " "	Ministerium of Pennsylvania, per Rev. Kunkelman, through Dr. Schmucker	1,006 93
" "	" " "	Mrs. E. Over, Indianapolis	20 00
" "	" " "	Mr. C. M. Meyer, Sunday-school Church of Reformation, Rochester, N. Y.	10 00
" "	" " "	Rev. J. R. Titzel, Greenville, Pa., congregation	10 00
" 10.	" " "	Pittsburgh Synod, per Rev. Laird	130 19
" "	" " "	Readers of *Jugendfreund* per Brobst, Diehl & Co.	85 00
" "	" " "	Dorothea, Clara, and Charles Richter	1 00
" "	" " "	Mrs. August Wolf, per Pastor Pfennig	5 00
" "	" " "	Mrs. Pfennig	2 00
" "	" " "	Mr. Housler, per Rev. J. H. Baden.	10 00
			$5,877 41

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Oct. 26.	By cash paid	*Lutheran and Missionary* 1 year's subscription and postage	$ 10 75
1877.			
Jan'y 29.	" "	American Manifold Paper Co.	2 40
" 31.	" "	Brown, Bros. & Co., 2 Bills of Exch'ge on London each £103" 4" 0. Stg.	1,054 70

Feb.	8.	By cash	paid	Brown Bros. and Co., Bill of Exch'ge £103″ 11″ 0. Stg.....	$529 38
"	26.	"	"	J. Kohler Minute Book.....	2
March	22.	"	"	Brown Bros. & Co. Bill of Exchange £103″ 4″ 0. Stg.....	525 29
April	4.	"	"	Postal cards (German) 500	7 50
"	5.	"	"	Postage on *Lutherische Herold*.....	2 08
"	6.	"	"	Jesse O. Thomas, 300 P. cards Eng..	4 50
"	27.	"	"	Chas. B. Collins, 500 " cent collecte"	12 20
"	"	"	"	Sherman & Co., printing.....	35 00
June	9.	"	"	Brown & Co., 2 Bills of Exch'ge each	
		"	"	£102″ 9″ 2. Stg.....	1,054 30
July	21.	"	"	Brown Bros. & Co., 2 Bills of Exch'ge each £102″ 17″ 7. Stg	1,054 52
Sept.	26.	"	"	John G. Maier	4 55
"	"	"	"	Check Book	1
Oct.	9.	"	"	Dr. Schmucker, Eng. Sec'y, expenses	30
"	"	"	"	Rev. F.Wischan, Germ. Sec'y, expenses	17 51
					$4,347 68
				Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	1,529 73
					$5,877 41

WM. H. STAAKE, *Treasurer.*

We have examined the several accounts of the Treasurer and find the same correct.

R. B. MILLER,
HENRY JARECKI,
E. CHRISTIAN KÖRNER,
Auditing Committee.

On motion, it was resolved that the Council hear the Rev. E. Norelius on Saturday afternoon, in reference to the destitution and distress caused in the State of Minnesota by the grasshopper plague.

Adjourned after uniting in the Lord's Prayer, led by the Rev. S. Laird.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, Oct. 13, 9 A. M.

The opening devotional service was conducted by the Rev. J. Fishburn.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

The Hon. D. M. Fox presented a letter from James L. Claghorn, Esq., president of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, containing an invitation to the General Council to visit that institution and inspect its galleries, apparatus, statuary, schools, etc.; also to visit the private galleries of Mr. Claghorn, at his residence. The same gentleman also read a letter from W. S. W. Ruschenberger, Esq., president of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia,

inviting the members of the Council to visit the Museum and Library of the Academy on any day that it might suit their convenience. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That these invitations be accepted, and that the English Corresponding Secretary be instructed to reply to these communications, notifying Messrs. Claghorn and Ruschenberger of the acceptance of their invitations, and tendering them the thanks of the Council for the same.

Pulpit and Altar Fellowship.

The consideration of the theses on this subject was resumed and continued during the session, and was made the second order for Monday morning.

Adjourned. Prayer by the Rev. J. Weber.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2½ P. M.

The opening service was conducted by Dr. Moldehnke.

The minutes were read and approved.

Dr. Greenwald presented the

Report of the Committee on Helps for Sunday-School Instruction.

During the past year a series of lesson leaves for Sunday-school and family instruction, has been prepared by Rev. J. Fry, D. D. The leaves are published by Rev. G. W. Frederick, of the Lutheran Bookstore, No. 117 N. 6th street, Phila., and the edition sold reached 15,000 copies weekly. They are also printed in the *Lutheran and Missionary*, with comments on the lesson by Rev. J. W. Hassler, of New Holland.

The same lessons have likewise been taken, and lesson leaves prepared from them, by Rev. F. P. Mayser, of Lancaster, and Rev. G. F. Gaertner, of Allentown, in the German language; and published at the office of the *Lutherische Zeitschrift*. Suggestions to teachers and comments on the lessons have also been regularly prepared and published weekly in the *Zeitschrift*. They have a large circulation in the Sunday-schools where the German language is used.

The lessons selected for these leaves are New Testament narratives, illustrating the pericopes. They are prepared with much care, and they and the comments form a valuable contribution to our Sunday-school literature.

It is the desire of many of our Sunday-school superintendents and teachers, that these preparations should be published in permanent form, as the leaves soon become worn out when used for a few Sundays by the scholars. If issued and bound in book form, they would be in good condition for use for many years. It is desirable that the results of the research and labor in the preparation of them should not be permitted to perish, but should be preserved for use in future years.

We are glad to be able to report that Dr. Fry has consented to undertake the preparation of another series during the coming year. This will be the third series of valuable helps for Sunday-school instruction furnished by his pen. This third series will be on the Old Testament, and will cover largely such historical portions as were not included in his first series. The lessons will be so arranged as to correspond as much as possible with the different seasons of the church year.

We can also report that another of our pastors has in preparation a series of lessons for Infant schools. It embraces a selection from the historical portions of the Old and New Testaments. The questions are put in very simple form, so that infant scholars can readily comprehend them. The answers are given to every question, and are also in such plain language as to be adapted to the capacity of young children.

Arrangements are likewise in progress for the publication in the English language of a monthly magazine to be entitled the "Helper for Home and School," which will furnish more aid to teachers and parents in teaching the lessons or the lesson leaves. Besides the notes and comments which have hitherto appeared in the *Lutheran and Missionary*, it will contain various suggestions, and explanations, and information concerning the lessons, and also concerning the proper manner of teaching. It will be a 16-page monthly, and will be edited by Rev. Dr. Fry, and be published by the Lutheran Bookstore at 50 cents per copy, per annum. The price is put low so as to secure its general circulation. It will contain the leaves and all else necessary to their use, and will also be a magazine for the home circle.

The Swedish Augustana Synod at its last meeting passed the following on Sunday-school instruction, for the consideration of their churches:

WHEREAS, The object of all Sunday-school instruction ought to be the teaching of God's Holy Word, Bible History, and Luther's Small Catechism, therefore be it recommended,

1. That the pastor, if possible, superintend the Sunday-school of his congregation, at least look after its interests, catechise, and examine the scholars, and see that order and decorum be maintained.

2. That no, so called, union schools ought to be established or fostered, and parents should be diligently warned against sending their children to such schools.

3. As to the order, it is recommended that the Sunday schools, as far as practicable, be in connection with Divine worship; all care should be taken that the Sunday school be not so led and fostered as to estrange it from the Church, and our Confessions. As to having infant classes and catechising the whole school at once, it be left at discretion.

4. A Sunday-school book ought to be prepared as soon as possible in the Swedish language, containing order of exercises with a goodly number of hymns, set to suitable music.

5. A committee consisting of pastors C. P. Rydholm, A. G. Skeppstedt, G. Peters, and J. Auslund, was appointed to prepare and present something definite at the meeting of Synod next year.

The attention of our congregations is being very carefully directed to the character of their Sunday-schools. Efforts are constantly made to improve them, to unite them more closely to the Church, to secure for them the most competent teachers, and to provide for their use such helps as will best enable them to promote the object of their establishment. As, in this way, the Church seeks in some degree, to carry out the command of our Lord, to feed His lambs, every proper effort to improve the Sunday-schools of the Church deserves encouragement.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was received and adopted.

Report on the Immigrant Mission and of the Lutheran Emigrants' House Association in New York.

The last year has been a time of severe trial for our institution. Nevertheless, God in His great mercy has helped us through all our difficulties. The increased stringency of the times, largely decreasing the number of immigrants, and the poor circumstances in which many came to us, threatened to hinder the successful prosecution of our work, whilst it only proved the greater necessity and usefulness of our institution. If the times were bad, our house was to many who landed here, a double necessity. If the number of immigrants was less than formerly, these few stood so much the more in need of an asylum, where they would be secure from the snares of so many birds of prey; and if most of them arrived in destitute circumstances, they stood so much the more in need of the assistance offered to them in our house.

The work accomplished by the Lutheran Emigrants' house may be seen from the following statement:

The guests cared for were 3,954, most of whom remained only one or two days, but a few remained several weeks. The entertainment furnished the guests was fully equal to what they would have had to pay three times as much for in a more pretentious house. Our prices were the same as heretofore, which according to New York rates are the lowest, especially

since all other services are rendered gratis Some indeed manifested surprise that our house has no bar, but were well satisfied with our explanation. That travelers with their baggage were perfectly secure in our house, is self-evident, inasmuch as we hold ourselves responsible for all losses sustained through the neglect of the house. There has not been a single instance of loss of property to any one during the year.

It must be a great satisfaction to the incoming and outgoing travelers at New York, where frauds are so frequently practised upon them, to be assured beforehand, that in the most beautiful and eligible part of the city, there is a place to which they may come with the firm conviction that they will be well cared for, where they will find good entertainment, reliable information, all possible assistance in the transaction of their business, and all needed help in reaching their destination. All the guests were brought more or less into contact with the mission of our house. Our regulations secured to our guests the comforts of a home; and when in such a home, the doors to the chapel were opened, and the call to morning and evening prayer sounded, and to divine service on the Lord's day, there were but few who were found unwilling to attend. And who shall say that it was in vain that men, whose hearts were softened and made impressible by an eventful voyage, were greeted immediately upon their arrival with the Word of Life, coupled with prayer and admonition, and the singing of familiar hymns of thanksgiving? We know of not a few cases, in which the blessed influence of these services has followed them to their distant homes.

The collections received for the Lutheran Emigrants' House were $963.18; those for the Immigrant Mission were $691.74, and those for the maintenance of the poor $192.41. These contributions proved to us a help indeed. God bless the kind donors. Through this timely aid our institution has been preserved another year, and become to thousands of weary pilgrims a blessed asylum and a place of rest.

How many the Lutheran Emigrants' House and Mission has been instrumental in saving from danger to soul and body, is known only to God. May He graciously reward the friends of our institution for all that, like good Samaritans, they have done for the protection and welfare of these strangers.

The distressed condition of many of the immigrants, especially of those who, from the lack of means, were unable to continue their journey into the interior of the country, laid us under such heavy contributions, that the funds at our command to be used in aiding them were altogether inadequate, and the House was consequently under the necessity of supplying them with boarding and lodging. In addition to this we were forced during the last winter to prepare extra meals for the poor, so that for a

period lasting from Christmas to the beginning of April, two thousand dinners were served to this class of unfortunates. He only, who has witnessed the unhappy lot, to which many of our immigrants are reduced, when in the depth of winter they are left to wander about the streets of New York, without means, without work, without sufficient clothing, hungry, shivering with cold and forsaken, can have a true idea of what a great blessing a nourishing, warm and plentiful meal served up in a comfortable room, proves to the needy. Many of these suffering poor among the immigrants, on our application obtained admission into Ward's Island; others for whom the future seemed to hold out no prospect of success in this country, were assisted in finding their way back to their fatherland; whilst for others we succeeded, notwithstanding the hard times, in securing places of employment.

We received 914 letters relating to the business of immigrants. Many more than these passed, for the sake of safety, through our hands The money sent through us, mostly to immigrants, amounted to $3625.27. All inquiries were promptly answered. The sum of $13,500 was placed in our hands for safe-keeping, and many of the inexperienced were thus preserved from the loss of the savings they had brought with them

It is with great pleasure that we are able to state, that many of the friends of the institution, have honored us with regular annual contributions. We hope that many more will imitate their example. How much more good could be accomplished on the field of the Immigrant Mission, and what a blessing our institution would prove to the immigrants and especially to our Church in this land, if, in the prosecution of this work, it were not so often hindered by the want of means. Contributions for the Emigrant House or for the poor, or for the Immigrant Mission, can be forwarded to the address of the Rev. W. Berkemeier, Emigrant House, 16 State street, New York

Financial Statement.

There is still a debt of $19,000 resting on the Emigrantenhaus. What a great and lasting benefit would be conferred upon our work among the immigrants, if this debt were removed. The saving of the interest annually paid on this amount, would open our doors still wider to the hundreds of the worthy poor among the immigrants, and enable them to continue their journey to the western states and territories. Who will help? Who? God grant us a speedy answer to this earnest request.

The whole amount received from October 1st, 1876, to October 1, 1877, for the work of the Lutheran Emigrants' House was $4,434.55, and for the Immigrant Mission, $691.74. The whole amount paid out for salaries, interest, the library, repairs, insurance, taxes, etc., was $4393.19, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of the Lutheran Emigrants' House, Oct. 1, 1877, of $41.36.

The Treasury of the Immigrant Mission is completely exhausted, and it cannot be expected that the salary of the Missionary can be covered by receipts from private individual donors. The Committee therefore approaches the General Council, with the humble request to urge the District Synods to aid this very important branch of the Missionary cause.

The New York Ministerium contributes about $200 (as shown by the list of contributions in your minutes). If the Synod of Pennsylvania, who originally joined in founding this mission, would do comparatively as much, and the western Synods would contribute reasonable amounts, then the wants of this institution would be relieved. All of which is respectfully submitted by the Trustees of the Lutheran Emigrants' House Association and by the Lutheran Emigrant Mission Committe.

W. HAUFF,
Secretary of the Immigrant Mission Committee and of the Board of Trustees of the Lutheran Emigrant House Association.

E. CHRISTIAN KÖRNER,
President of Trustees of Lutheran Emigrant House Association.

Report of the Treasurer of the Lutheran Immigrant Mission in New York, from Oct., 1876, to Oct., 1877.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury Oct., 1876	$30 60
Contribution from the Iowa Synod	40 67
Contribution from the New York Ministerium for the last two years	447 02
Collections from several congregations	85 65
Donations by several friends	87 80
	$691 74

DISBURSEMENTS.

By salary for the *Missionary*, Rev. W. Berkemeier	$646 94
For printing	40 00
	$686 94

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts	$691 74
Disbursements	686 94
In treasury Oct., 1877	$4 80

REMARKS OF THE TREASURER:—The salary of the Immigrant Missionary is $1,200 per annum, one-half which, *i. e.*, $600, has hitherto been paid by the Lutheran Emigrants' House Association. The Immigrant Mission is yet indebted to the Missionary to a balance of $42.56 for the year 1875–76; and as our treasury at present is almost exhausted, it is to be feared that the debt of the Immigrant Mission will accumulate if no arrangement is made by the District Synods to raise at least from $600 to $800 for the salary of the Missionary. It is to be hoped that the General Council will address an earnest recommendation of this work to the

District Synods, and arrange this matter so that the good work may be continued.

JOHN MOLLER,
Treasurer Luth. Im. Mission.

New York, 8th of Oct., 1877.
Examined and found correct.
W. HAUFF and E. CHRISTIAN KÖRNER.

The above reports were referred to a committee, which through the chairman, Dr. Spaeth, presented the following:

Report of the Committee on the Reports of the Immigrant Mission and of the Emigrants' House Association in New York.

The papers handed to your Committee are the Report of the Immigrant Missionary and of the Lutheran Emigrants' House Association in New York, and the Report of the Treasurer of the Lutheran Immigrant Mission in New York from October, 1876, to October, 1877.

Both the Emigrants' House and the Immigrant Mission at Castle Garden continue to do most important and blessed work for our Church, but both institutions in their combined report, complain of a lamentable lack of funds to carry on their operations.

The treasury of the Immigrant Mission is completely exhausted, and the General Council is humbly requested to urge the District Synods to aid this very important branch of the missionary cause.

Your Committee recommend that this request be granted, and that the attention of our District Synods be directed to this important mission, and that they be urged to support it more vigorously with their contributions.

There were also handed to your Committee several letters of Rev. R. Neumann, addressed to the President of this body, and a statement of Mr. Körner, the chairman of the Lutheran Emigrants' House Association.

Mr. Neumann, our former immigrant missionary at Castle Garden, asks in his letters for the payment of the salary due to him for services rendered in our mission. The amount claimed by him is $1,041.90 with interest. According to the statement of the Immigrant Mission Committee, submitted to this body at the last convention, the balance due to him in October of last year amounted only to $940.64. During this year Mr. Neumann acknowledges the receipt of $42 from St. Mark's Church, New York. Mr. Körner in his statement recommends the payment of the balance due to Mr. Neumann.

Your Committee recommend that our Immigrant Mission Committee be instructed to settle the claim of Mr. Neumann as promptly as possible.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

A. SPAETH, J. WEBER,
E. HOFFMAN, E. J. SCHMAUCK,
W. F. ULERY, H. VANDERSMISSEN.

The report was received and considered by items. The recommendations in it were adopted, and the report was adopted as a whole.

Aid for Sufferers by the Grasshopper Plague.

The Rev. E. Norelius addressed the convention on the devastation and distress caused by the grasshopper plague, whereupon it was

Resolved, That a collection be taken up in the Council on Monday, the proceeds to be placed in the hands of the Rev. E. Norelius, to be used for the benefit of the sufferers in the devastated district, and that the congregations be requested to send boxes of clothing and household goods for the same purpose.

The report from the Committee on Religious Services was presented, giving a statement of the appointments made for the different churches at this convention. The action of the Committee was approved.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. R. Hill.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Monday, Oct. 15, 9. A. M.

The opening service was conducted by Rev. J. F. Fahs.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

The order for the morning was the consideration of

The Appeal of the New York Ministerium.

This document had been referred to a committee at a previous session, from which a majority and a minority report were now presented. Both were read and received. On motion, the majority report was taken up for consideration by items. The minority report was then offered as a substitute for the first resolution of the majority report. Pending discussion upon it, adjourned. Prayer by Rev. P. Krug.

NINTH SESSION.

MONDAY, Oct. 15; 2½ P. M.

The opening service was conducted by the Rev. G. A. Hinterleitner.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, the order for the afternoon was set aside, and the Council proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business of the morning session, viz.:

The Appeal from the Delegates of the Ministerium of New York.

The delegates of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of New York beg leave to submit herewith to the venerable General Council, in accordance with a resolution of the New York Ministerium at its last session (Min. p. 63, 1877), the following appeal:

"We herewith appeal against the practice in regard to the Galesburg Rule within Synods connected with the General Council, and in particular against the special violation of the Rule, which took place in several cases of pulpit fellowship at the last meeting of the Classis of the Reformed Church, at Reading, Pa., between members of the venerable Ministerium of Pennsylvania and members of the Reformed Classis."

By instruction of our Synod, we respectfully request a declaration of this body whether such practice is approved.

Philadelphia, Oct. 11, 1877.

WM. HOPPE,	E. HOFFMANN,	W. A. SCHMITTHENNER,
C. VOLZ,	J. H. BADEN,	G DENKER,
E. MOLDEHNKE,	TH. KRUG,	F. SCHACK,
L. HALFMANN,	E. C. KÖRNER,	T. BAIST.

And the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Michigan and other States herewith joins the above appeal. S KLINGMAN.

The minority report from the committee on this document was amended and adopted as a substitute for the majority report. It is as follows:

Report of the Committee on the Appeal from the New York Ministerium.

The paper committed into our hands and signed by the delegates of the Ministerium of New York, and by the delegate of the Michigan Synod, is an appeal to this body against the practice in regard to the Galesburg Rule, said to exist within Synods connected with the General Council, and in particular against an alleged violation of the said rule which took place in several cases of pulpit fellowship at Reading, Pa , by members of

the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. In addition to this appeal, by instruction of their Synod, they also respectfully request a declaration of this body whether such practice is approved.

After a careful consideration of the appeal and request, your committee propose the following action:

Resolved, That while it is the duty of the General Council "to guard the purity of the faith and right administration of the Sacraments" and while it is in accordance with its Confessional principles laid down in the Galesburg Declaration to disapprove and repudiate all practices endangering the purity of the Lutheran Church doctrines and life, nevertheless the Council cannot pass its judgment upon any particular case that may be brought before it, unless such case is specifically defined in the appeal and clearly comes within the compass of the Council's Constitution, and that as the appeal from the Ministerium of New York is not so defined, the Council cannot pass its judgment upon it in its present shape.

E. Norelius.

The vote on the adoption of this report was taken by yeas and nays, which are as follows:

Yeas: Revs. Spaeth, Mann, Schmucker, Hinterleitner, Hoppe, Volz, Moldehnke, Halfmann, Hoffmann, Baden, Krug, Weber, Smith, Klingman, Norelius, Carlson, Swaerd, Lindberg, Telleen and Hursch; and Messrs. Diehl, Heyl, Koerner, Betjeman, Schack, Baist, T. B. Roth, S. D. Miller, and the President; total 29.

Nays: Revs. Seiss, Greenwald, Kunkelman, Hill, Schantz, Ulery, Laird, Sarver, Roth, Fahs, Fishburn, and Brown; and Messrs. Fox, Houpt, Lehman, Staake, R. B. Miller, Potteiger, Jarecki, Schmauk, Beck, Kinnard and Vandersmissen; total 23.

Collection for Sufferers in Minnesota.

During the proceeding of this session a collection, amounting to $51.84, was taken up in aid of the sufferers from the grasshopper plague in Minnesota.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. E. Smith.

TENTH SESSION.

Tuesday, October 16, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. R. Hill.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

The business pertaining to Home Missions was made the special order for consideration at the afternoon session.

Report of the Executive Committee for Foreign Missions.

When in 1869 the Ministerium of Pennsylvania transferred the Mission in India to the care and control of the General Council, the Executive Committee of that Ministerium was made the Committee for Foreign Missions of the General Council and so remained until last year. At the meeting of the Council at Bethlehem that Executive Committee proposed that a special Committee for Foreign Missions be appointed, who, living in the same neighborhood, could meet frequently and devote more time to the work. The proposition was accepted, and the following persons appointed: Revs. A. Spaeth, D. D., B. M. Schmucker, D. D., J. A. Kunkelman, H. Grahn, F. Wischan, and Messrs. J. C. File and W. H. Staake.

The Committee selected as President, Dr. A. Spaeth, English Secretary, Dr. B. M. Schmucker, German Secretary, Rev. F. Wischan, and determined to meet at the Seminary on the last Monday of each month.

Nine meetings of the Committee have been held. The Committee have striven to stir up an interest in the work of Missions in the congregations, and to the praise of our God it must be said that He has moved many to proofs of their zeal. At the beginning of the year the treasury was empty, money was needed for the support of the missionaries, and an appeal was made through the Church-papers for aid, in answer to which contributions flowed in so freely from all parts of the United States that we could soon meet all demands for missionaries, teachers and other expenses of the mission. But it is our earnest hope and desire that within our wide limits not one congregation should fail to share in the glory of the mission-work. For every step of progress of the Kingdom of God in heathen lands advances and strengthens the Kingdom of God at home, and truly there is need that with sword and trowel we build the walls of Zion, for abroad and at home "The old bitter foe, means us deadly woe." It is also true that those who have a warm heart for missions among the heathen also take vigorous hold of the work at home.

However gratifying the liberality of the friends of our mission has been during the past year, we regret that we must report that we have not succeeded in sending out any more missionaries. The missionaries in India plead earnestly for more laborers. In a letter of date July 7, 1877, Missionary Schmidt writes: "We would gladly have from the General Council something more than resolutions, we would have an embodied resolution, a real flesh and blood missionary." Our expectations have not been realized. Several graduates of the Philadelphia Seminary were willing and ready to be sent, but the Synod by which they had been sustained during their course of study claimed them for its missionary work at home. A student of the Senior Class will, if God will, after his ordination next spring, go out to India. But what is one for so great labor, on so wide

a field? Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He would send more laborers into His harvest.

THE NEW CHURCH IN RAJAHMUNDRY.

The old building which was used for purposes of worship has long been very dilapidated and unworthy the purposes of its use. But for want of anything better continued to be used. It was proposed and approved by the Council, that the legacy left by Father Heyer should be devoted to the erection of a new church as a memorial of him. But the moneys have not as yet been received by the committee, and in the mean time the old building fell down. The erection of a new church became a necessity. Some moneys had been received for this purpose by Bro. Schmidt from friends in Schleswig and India, and with these the work was begun. An appeal was made to our Sunday-schools and others by Bro. Schmidt, through the *Busy Bee*, for contributions for this purpose, and he promised to send a photograph of the church when completed to each contributor of ten or more dollars. The committee presented the matter to the Church through the other Church papers, and a generous answer has been given by many friends. The sum of $416.16 has been received for this purpose.

THE FAMINE IN INDIA.

Should the missionaries relieve the bodily wants of the heathen? It is evident that they should not strive to make what —— calls "Rice-Christians." It is equally clear that they cannot deal with men as though they were disembodied spirits. In peaceful ordinary times we can act calmly, but when an unparalleled visitation has come upon the mission field, the heart takes precedence of the head, and helping is better than reasoning. If a minister stands on the field of battle where thousands of wounded are crying for water, he must run for water, day or night, while he can move. So when all round the missionaries the heathen are dying of hunger, they must give them bread as far as they can. The lack of rain has brought eighteen millions of men into the most dreadful straits. Among the Mahrattas and Canarese the need is greatest; among the southern Telugus famine and cholera have prevailed. Where our mission lies there has not been so great need, but here also the price of provisions has increased fourfold, and is still on the increase, but has not yet so risen as in the districts further south. When in October last our missionaries cried for help in their need, we issued an appeal for gifts for this purpose, in answer to which some small sums have been received.

REV. A. E. FREY'S MISSIONBLATT.

In October, 1875, Rev. A. E. Frey, of Brooklyn, began the publication of a Lutheran missionary paper, which was cordially greeted by your

Committee for Foreign Missions, who requested our missionaries to send communications for it and placed photographs at the disposal of the editor. From the beginning Rev. Mr. Frey published that the *Missionsblatt* would receive moneys for missions, and dispose of them according to the wishes and directions of the senders. Thus mission offerings began to flow in from all sides, of which he acknowledged from time to time the receipt. But gifts began to come more slowly into our treasury, and the missionaries needed money. Your committee, knowing that Rev. Mr. Frey had for more than a year moneys intended and sent for our mission, resolved November 7, 1876, to request him to pay over to our treasurer moneys collected for our mission in India. Rev. Mr. Frey answered that he had collected the moneys for sending over an additional missionary, and that he declined to pay them over to our treasurer. In further resolutions sent him, in which the urgent need was pressed upon him, it was also urged that the treasurer of the General Council was the responsible keeper of all moneys which belonged to the General Council, when he sent one-third of the moneys received for our India mission to January 26, 1877, being $502.80 of the $1,507.44 he had received. The remainder is still in his possession. He claims the right to determine who shall hold it, and says that it is useless to try to get the money intended for an additional missionary until one is ready to go. At the demand of the committee, Rev. Mr. Frey explained in the *Missionsblatt* that he would send to our treasurer such amounts and only such as were specified by the donors to be so sent. Since March, 1877, he has sent monthly the amounts so specified. But many contributions of the congregations of the General Council are not received by our treasurer, because the specific direction is not given.

The *Jugendfreund* and other Church papers, as the *Pilger* and *Zeitschrift*, have also received moneys for our mission, and have regularly transmitted the same to our treasurer. Offerings will constantly be sent by the readers of the *Missionsblatt*, because a printed acknowledgment is given.

Your committee was authorized to publish a paper, to be specially devoted to the work of our missions. At the beginning of the year they did not undertake it, perhaps the time has now come for it, and we present the question for the consideration of the Council.

CENT COLLECTION BOOKS.

In order to secure regular systematic collection of small sums, the committee has prepared and issued, in the German language, books arranged for this purpose.

SELECTIONS FROM LETTERS.

RAJAHMUNDRY, 6th September, 1876.

TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Dear Brethren—In connection with my letter of 6th August, and in addition to the enclosed, which is a copy of a paper I sent to England at the request of the editor of a manual of the Godavery District, I shall only give a few numbers with regard to the work under my charge.

Rajahmundry, with 72 Christians in 14 families, lies on the Godavery and has about 20,000 inhabitants. The mission buildings are in the middle of the town. They consist of two houses for the missionaries and a ruined building which has been used lately for a meeting-house. However, the last service was held there on 3d of September, and a half finished schoolroom is hoped to be covered in till next Sunday, so as to answer the purpose until the new church is completed. In my compound or yard are also the houses of two Catechists and several other Christians. In my yard is also the carpenter and blacksmith workshop, sawpit, woodyard, etc.

To the north of Rajahmundry, on the other side of the river, are *Metta*, with ca. three Christians, (here resided formerly a Baptist missionary and his family), *Jowripatnam* with ca. 10, and *Peddahem* with ca. 16 Christians. This number is at present there, but others baptized by us have gone to the Baptists for assistance.

Down the river is, 5 miles south, Dowlaishweram with 9 Christians, Yailpoor, 30 miles distant, with ca. 32 Christians, Juggernath, pooram with 16, and Malleepondee where a teacher lives with his family, but none of the enquirers are baptized as yet. Farther on in Augurteepalem is one baptized. Other Christians baptized by Dr. Heyer or us live so spread and in close connection with the Baptists, that we cannot call them full members of our Church. Besides the above numbers are only given from memory. Since 1869, 272 persons were baptized.

I have not been able to get more than one teacher for the Hill country, though I pay him almost twice what he would get down here. Nobody has visited them since we got the fever there in March, 1875. I contemplate a tour up there the end of this month if I can get a steamer to take the boat up against the current. Humanly speaking we cannot expect much fruit up there as long as our mission is not stronger than now. They are almost slaves, and a missionary ought to have means to enable him to raise those poor people. Missionaries have different opinions upon such subjects. However, I think we ought to do more than we do in this direction. My idea is: Give them a position in life and they can get a position in Church! But a congregation which goes begging for bread can never support her Church. It is often only advance of money which is required. Lately I bought some land for our Christians at Yailpoor and I expect they will return the money in about three or four years. Often I have done such things. But I have very little to help them with, especially as long as building of boat, a church and schools, is left to me to provide for.

I have been teaching several of our young men different trades and find it answers well, though all costs money. My whole expenses are from $150 to $200 per mensem. The money comes (from the Lord) as

soon as it goes. But my calculations fail, I always get more than enough. I thank the Lord that He has made me a father of many children who look to me for their welfare, and I hope and trust to the blessing of the Lord, that whatever is spent on them will bear fruit for this life and eternity. Our greeting in the Lord. Yours,

H. C. SCHMIDT.

RAJAHMUNDRY, Sept. 6, 1876.

Mission Report.

When you, on the map I have sent you, draw a base line from Rajahmundry to Samulcotta, you have to the north from that a large country. In that and even much further than the map shows there are *no* Christians and *no* preaching but what we do, with the exception that one of the Plymouth Brethren missionaries from Nursapoor comes also once a year to Korakonda (13 miles in a straight line to the north from Rajahmundry) to a heathen festival. The population of that extensive country is much less than that down the delta, as large tracts are unfit for cultivation. The villages are therefore further between and generally smaller.

At the above mentioned village, Korakonda, there was, two years ago, one man baptized and a school teacher was sent there. The latter got fever, and attributed it to the climate, the village being on the border of the mountains, and refused to go there again after he was well. He has since joined the Baptists at Cocanada. Afterwards we had no other teacher to send and the only convert there died, bitten by a snake. An account of him I have sent to Rev Frey's *Missionsblatt;* I do not know if it has been published. We still continue to visit Korakonda, each visit being generally for a whole week, as we also from there visit the surrounding villages. In a straight line from Korakonda, 10 or 12 miles further, we have also been. We have it as a rule to visit as many villages as possible, but always make the largest villages the place where we stop several days, and then, besides preaching there, we also go to the surrounding villages.

Some of these larger villages have their weekly market day, when many people gather from the surrounding villages. We always bear in mind that we may not miss those days when we travel. Such villages are: Korakonda, Gokarum (10 miles to the N. from Korakonda), Rajahnagram, on the high road to the N. E. from Rajahmundry, Juggumpet, on the same road, 23 miles from Rajahmundry, Samulcotta, 27 miles from Rajahm, and Peddapoor, near Samulcotta, and a few others.

Samulcotta.

That village is 27 miles from Rajamundry, but only 8 from the Baptist headquarters at Cocanada. Samulc we visit now and then, but only as any other village which we visit on our itinerating tours. There are no Protestant Christians (Roman Catholics there are), and only one man who seems to be moved towards Christianity. Our mission house which, at present, is rented out, is the only sign of that it has once been a mission station.

Murramunda.

A village 14 miles S. E. of Rajahm. Among the Christians there are many widows and women whose husbands are heathen. There is a

meeting-house and a hut as dwelling-house for a teacher. During the last year only one family has been baptized. We have always had a teacher there. But a month ago he was dismissed on account of adultery. In the meanwhile our teacher at Jagorpad, 3 miles from Murr., looks after both places. His time is daily divided; conducting morning prayer and keeping school half the day in one village, and afternoon school and evening prayer in the other. The Nursapoor Baptists (Plymouth Br.) have come in there while there were no missionaries at Rajahmundry. They have kept a catechist there, who has been educated in our mission. Besides being pastor, he has his own house and is also a farmer. They have re-baptized three members who, however, have joined our congregation again. Besides that catechist there are three other members of the Baptists, but they now, at present, all join our prayer-meetings and services, owing to that their catechist (or pastor) two years ago committed adultery with one of their Christian women, and therefore they will not attend his meetings.

The Canada Baptists from Cocanada have also tried to come in there; they wanted to buy the aforesaid catechist's house, but thought it too dear. If the Plymouth Br. from Nursapoor give that up entirely, I think that they in Cocanada will take it up. They will think it too bad to let all those who have been immersed go over to the "sprinklers." One old woman of the Nursapoor party had joined them at Cocanada, but she died, bitten by a snake, three months ago.

Statistics: Number of Christians in all, 38 (three excommunicated); gone back to heathenism, 1; school children, 10 (of which two not baptized).

Jagorpad.

There is a mission house divided into a meeting room and a dwelling room for a teacher. Christians, 27 (2 excom.); gone back, 1; school children 10, of which only 2 are baptized, the others children of heathen parents.

Doolah.

A pretty large village 2 miles the other side of Murramunda. We have often visited that. A Sudra man was baptized a year ago. In consequence he was (for the break of caste) turned out of his own family. His wife took their only child, and lives now in another village with her mother. He has learned to read and has become an evangelist. Some of the Pariahs are favorably disposed to Christianity and wish to get a teacher, but we have none to send.

Peravaram.

A village down in the delta seven miles from Rajahmundry. There is a teacher. Lately, after many refusals, we have succeeded in getting from the magistrate a piece of ground to build a school house on. But still the native village authorities try to put so many hindrances in our way, that we may one day be obliged to go to law against them. They are always opposed to mission work, and especially to our schools, as they do not like that the Pariahs shall learn anything, as they then will not stand, as they now are, to be the slaves of the higher castes. At Peravaram, Christians 14, school children 6.

Lollah.

Eight miles from Peravaram farther down the delta. No school house and no teacher. Only one family are Christians. From Lollah there is only 20 miles to a large village, Amalapoor, where the English Church Mission just have begun a new field. They have built a dwelling house for a European missionary. Two native agents are there already. In spite of the great differences between us and their missionaries in general as to some important doctrines, we work in harmony with them; not so with the Baptists where the differences in mission practice come in contact, so far as the Baptists do not acknowledge our baptism, and consequently not us as Christians, which they also tell plainly to our converts, however not to us.

Itinerating.

The district is so large that there is room for many missionaries to travel all the year round, but during the hot weather and the regular monsoon it is almost impossible to travel in this country. This year, during the cold season, Mrs. Poulsen and the children have been out with me in the district a good deal; but it is difficult to manage it with children, as you must have everything you want with you—but milk you cannot take with you, and it is often difficult even to get that, and if you get it it is often half water, so the children will not take it.

When our two catechists go out without any of us, it is generally to visit the Christians in their villages. The teachers in the out-villages are expected to preach in the, to them, surrounding villages. Their work is that of a school teacher, a pastor and an evangelist. It is extremely difficult to get fit people for that great work. We are much in want of teachers now, but we look with hope to the growing up generation.

Preaching to the Non-Christians at Rajahmundry.

When we are at home we frequently go out preaching here in the streets and roads, and also converse with individuals, but only a very few of the Christian members can call Rajahmundry their native town. Here, as well as out on preaching tours, it is not the fruit we see which gives us encouragement, but the satisfaction that we are doing according to our Saviour's demand.

School at Rajahmundry.

Three of the most advanced boys frequent government schools. The knowledge they get there, of course, is only secular.

In our mission school we have no teachers but our two catechists; one of them must therefore always be at home. They have each their hours for attending. Bible history, both of the Old and the New Testament, forms the chief object of teaching.

About thirty school children, of whom three are sent by heathen parents.

Our Dwelling House,

With its premises, is quite separated from Mr. Schmidt's, the ground having been acquired at different times. In my compound (ground belonging to a house) is built a house for the boarding boys. Our house is very much surrounded by native huts. Close to our door we have on two sides not less than four liquor shops. Being in the town, what no other

European house is, our night rest is often broken on account of processions of various kinds, but always making a terrible noise. Being in this way in the town, we are also subjected to impure air. In order to prevent huts being built too close to our house we succeeded by application to the magistrate to get our compound extended a little on one side.

Boarding Boys.

We have at present six; but some of them Mr. Schmidt teaches different handiworks.

The few English officers in the station use to subscribe liberally to our mission.

I. K. POULSEN.

Rajahmundry, 6 Sept., 1876.

PALAWAREM, 12 Oct., 1876.

MY DEAR BRO. SCHMUCKER:—It is this month and these days that the General Council meets, and I pray that the Lord may be in your midst, and that a few crumbs of His blessing may fall from your table for our mission.

I am very glad that the proposal of abandoning our mission does not seem to be approved by the leading men in the General Council. I trust that it is the earnest desire of that body to carry on the work and to increase it. Let our mission not only be before your Synods; let it be before your congregations, and let every minister say: The Lord wills that the Telugu people shall be saved—I will also, and I will show that I will. You will admit that not much energy has been put into the work as yet. Most proposals for improvement have fallen to the ground. It is very probable that it at last must be decided between the Church Mission and the Baptists, which of theirs will be the creed of the Telugu Christians. Now we will not envy them such success of their energy, but at the same time I cannot helping thinking it a great pity if there should not also be a native Lutheran church. The differences in doctrine may appear to be of little use in the conversion of heathen, as we all want only to see them become true Christians, Christians in heart and life. And still I feel grieved to see the haughty way in which even Christians think about Lutheran doctrine. It is not that I would feel sorry if I could say that so it was the will of our Lord; but I lament that the Lutheran Church does not do what she can and ought to do, and that this is the very reason why our doctrine is not known nor appreciated here. The Lutheran mission has been the first among the Protestants in the field; why should she stand behind now and become the last?

Every one has his own plans, and thinks if they only were carried out much good may arise from it. Let me to-day tell you my plans—quite privately—and if you agree with me in one thing or another, and think that there are people in the General Council who can and will give a helping hand, then please make use of this letter as you deem best, else please keep it to yourself.

Ever since Mr. Grönning and Mr. Long ceased their work in Rajahmundry, this station and Samulcotta have given the appearance of decay and decline, both outwardly and inwardly. The property of the mission, and the number of Christians, remain almost in *statu quo*. As a matter of course, the state of our mission is now better than just before Dr. Heyer

arrived the last time. Some buildings have been repaired, and every year a good number has been added to the church. Education and other work is going on. But to mention only one thing, of the teachers employed by Dr. Heyer only one is still in service, and consequently much must be done to keep decrease and increase at a balance. However, a proper start, to show that we will do a little more than merely keep our mission alive, has not been done. The commencement of the Hill Mission, though new in itself, can hardly be called a start.

My plan and my prayer to the Lord is to make the consecration of our new church "epochemachend"? Within one year this hardly can take place. I have got about $300, and I need not say that a tolerably decent building of two school rooms and one room for divine service cannot be constructed for that amount. However, I trust to the Lord, I shall have the money as I require it in time. I make no estimate, because I must pay cash, and accordingly as money comes I go on with the work. But this is not the thing I have to say.

Dr. Heyer proposed, 1871, the ordination of our two catechists, Joseph and Paulus, after ten years; and then too, he made the first start of having the Lutheran church service translated and introduced here. *Could these two things not be realized on the day of the consecration of our church?* But in order that this can become "epochemachend," some conditions have to be complied with beforehand.

The ordination presupposes a call from a congregation, and the call the existence of a congregation. We may say that we have a congregation here, but the peculiar position of a missionary makes it natural that he is not called by a congregation, though he is their minister. I say, he is their minister; however, his legal position is that of a servant of a foreign church, the messenger of another congregation.

According to circumstances he employs catechists, teachers, etc., who are supported through him from foreign soil, and are also servants of that foreign church. More or less they become the servants of the missionary, as he is the servant of his church, as their support is depending on his choice or judgment. As soon as the work becomes too much for the missionaries, they ordain their catechists; but though ordained ministers, they receive their salary through him, they remain the missionaries' servants, and do not become servants of the native church. This may be sufficient to explain that such cannot be desirable in a Lutheran Mission, and in fact all missionaries wish that this could be avoided.

Every one knows that the native Christians cannot support their ministers as yet, and they will never begin with it as long as foreigners will do it. The commencement can in every case only be at a very low scale. Some missionaries have establisned endowments for the support of native ministers, but a lot of money is required if they shall be supported from the interest thereof; and besides, this does not teach the native congregations self-support.

I have tried many experiments with ready money in trying to help poor Christians. In some cases the money was lost, but in most it was only sparing them to pay interest. Lately I have tried to help them with improving their situation through their own exertion. I help them to help themselves. I have e. g. rented a garden for thirty years, where some Christians work, and bought land for some, the money of which they have to return in a certain time, when the land will be made over to them.

The heathen temples are richly endowed with land. But our present government upholds only these old endowments, and gives no land to temples or churches now.

In considering all this, I came to the conclusion that it would be best to procure such land in connection with native churches. I shall work towards that object, but it is evident that I can do very little personally.

As far as I can see now, it would require $600 to procure land sufficient for the support of a native minister with the pay our present catechists receive, and at least $400 for an inferior one. But this means to buy land when there is an opportunity to get it cheap. We would then have to build a small, substantial church, and procure proper documents that such and such land belongs to that and that church, and that the minister who should be supported by it must belong to the Lutheran church. Other rules for management could be added as that every member had to work certain days in the year for his minister, etc. The advantages of such arrangement would be :

1. That independent native Lutheran churches could be established.

2. That the increase of the minister's pay would depend upon the help of the congregation, and that he therefore would have to care for them as well as they for him. The qualification of the minister would, in course of time, also depend upon the pay they raise for him.

3. That a more *brotherly* feeling could take place between the missionary and the native ministers, in spite of difference in pay, as each would draw his pay from his own country and remain a son of his own soil, and as the one would no longer be a servant of the other.

We could begin with our present catechists, though they would perhaps prefer ready money. We would then require $1,200, and perhaps two rich men or two rich congregations in America would like to give us that.

Some may say that such arrangements would entangle the minister in worldly business. To such I add : 1. That St. Paul could earn his daily bread and still be an apostle, whilst in our case the minister had only to get his land cultivated by others; 2. That the emoluments of the ministers in Denmark are of that kind, and perhaps in all Europe; 3 And that this leaves sufficient room for the congregation to act differently afterwards, as this would provide only for a very small pay, and either more land or ready money has to be added to it. An endowment of this kind must remain Lutheran even after every Lutheran missionary would be gone.

However, this necessitates also a Lutheran church service. Dr. Geissenhainer very liberally offered to pay the expenses. It may seem to you as if we would do nothing, as it has not yet been done. But I have told you before that the reason is, that a revision of the common prayer book in Telugu is under preparation, and that several such works soon will decide about important terms in the Telugu Christian literature. But what is most important for us, is to get a book which will supply our wants. Besides the morning and evening service, and litany and holy communion, we want one for baptism (children and grown-up people), marriage and burial, and, if possible, one for ordination also. Could and would not the executive committee send us copies of those generally used ? We may look upon the first issue as tentative, in case other forms should be adopted by the General Council. It is with deep regret that I use the common

prayer book. As Dr. Geissenhainer has taken so much interest in the matter, would it not be well to request him to give his opinion? We have Luther's Small Catechism, translated by Mr. Grönning, but a Church Agende is most necessary in our mission.

The plan of letting our more advanced boys receive their education at the government institutes, is a step in the right direction. They learn to understand their own people and to associate with them, in spite of caste prejudices. Until now, however, I have been unable to get Christian boys into the proper school preparatory to the highest school here, which has done away with the class into which Willy and James were admitted, and they have established F. A. and B. A. classes. The other schools have native managers, who do not want to have their caste spoiled by admitting Christians. As I am a municipal commissioner, I have brought in a proposal of raising a municipal school to such standard, and hope to carry the point.

Willy and James go on well in the government school, and another boy, Paradasy, was admitted lately. I doubted whether he could pass the entrance examination, and promised him 2 Rs. if he did. But he passed well, the head-master told me—we shall soon say professor, because from the 1st of January, 1877, that school will be a college, and our three boys proper Indian students. May they sometime hence become ministers of independent churches! I am very glad that Bro. Fox and the Wilmington Sunday-school so untiringly support them. I hope Prof. Spaeth's Sunday-school will take the same interest in Paradasy. Let them sow in hope, and when the harvest time comes they will have a share in harvest joy and not be disappointed, I trust to the Lord.

We are up amongst the hills in our boat, and *nobody sick*. This is the first time that we returned from the hills with no sick person, and we feel very thankful.

After commencing to use the boat, Bro Poulsen thinks it not fair that we should have the current expenses with the boat, and that your committee only pays for one man in charge of the same. Government wants for license about 25 Rs. annually, and there are other expenses for caulking, etc., besides those for actually traveling. Bro. Poulsen agrees to pay for people employed at the boat, but nothing besides, and at the same time I think it is not fair that I should have all the expenses, although I built it principally for the Hill Mission, as there is no other way of traveling. As the mission provides us with shelter when at home, it would perhaps not be too much to do a little in that direction when we are out. It is true we have furnished ourselves with tents, and this cost Poulsen about 300 Rs. The cost of mine I do not know, as I got it all made at my house. I never heard of a missionary providing himself with tents; however, we are quite willing to do so. But with the boat it is different, as we are two who make use of her. When actually traveling each can do so at his own expense, and can employ as many or as few sailors as he likes. Including the $40 already granted I do not think that it will ever come to $80 a year, except government should raise the license much higher, or great damages were done to the boat. Will you kindly lay this about the boat before the executive committee, and let me know?

Now the cold season approaches in America, and you feel the difference in climate more than in the hot season, when the thermometer rose almost

as high as ours. But we expect soon the late rains, after which it will be colder here also. Mrs. Schmidt joins me in Christian love to Mrs. Schmucker, yourself and your children.

Yours, as ever, H. C. Schmidt.

On the Godavery, 7th October, 1876.

To the Friends of Our Mission:—Our old church is now broken down. For a long time it looked rather more like a ruin than anything else, but still the roof was able to be a shelter from the scorching Indian sun. People thought it dangerous to keep service there for fear that the roof might fall down; but for want of another room spacious enough we could not well give it up On examining the roof after the rain, part of it was coming down by merely touching it. We feel very thankful that we escaped every danger.

The last service was on the 3d September, and was connected with a very seldom feast in the Rajahmundry congregation. It was a three-double wedding, and the strange part of it was that the three brides were sisters. In this country, where the girls are given away to be married when they are but thirteen or fourteen years old, such a case as this one should think never would happen, although I never heard of it even in Europe. People did bother themselves about what that meant, that the father kept his daughters unmarried, because now and then some young men had asked for them. But the matter was that he had already promised to give them to some relations. That is the custom here, that parents arrange this matter for their children. Even when Christian girls are asked, they will in most instances agree to what their parents like them to do. They were then their cousins the girls were married to, and the two of them were also brothers. We took a special interest in this wedding party, because the father of the brides is a very honest and faithful servant of ours. It is many years since he became a Christian. He belonged to another mission, but came to Rajahmundry for employment when Dr. Heyer was here. When my husband was expected to land in Cocanada, Dr. Heyer sent him and recommended him as a servant. Mr. Schmidt then took him into his service, and we are glad to have such a good servant, who is a true Christian, and spares us from many troubles which strangers have to endure here in this country.

There was a busy time to get everything arranged for the wedding, and no wonder. Not only all Christians in Rajahmundry, but from several villages were invited, and a large pendahl or roof of leaves was erected. In the morning, after the sermon, the wedding was performed. The brides looked rather handsome in their nearly white dress, all alike, even their jewels were the same. We missionaries and some English friends followed the party, and found the wedding cake in a little room very nicely decorated waiting for us. All looked very happy, and the natives were singing their own tunes to their hearts' content. Heaven itself seemed to smile down upon the bridal party, for up to that day we had had heavy rains, and what would have become of the large dinner party under the pendahl if it also had poured down that day? But the sun was bright and not a drop came before the next day. In this country, where we often see the noisy way of the heathen at their weddings, we have good reason to thank the Lord for what he has done among this people; and though

the Christians are only few, our hope is that they may increase, both in number and in faith, that their light may shine among their countrymen.

It is now as I write this a week since we left Rajahmundry. The evening before our departure we got everything ready and embarked in our boat, because we had to start with the steamer early, which took us up the river through the Gauths about 58 miles. A week before we tried to go up by sail, but as the current is very strong now it proved impossible. The first day we went on nicely, but then we got the wind against us, and had often no wind at all. We had come near to a village from where at two miles distance Christians live, and my husband wanted to have service the next day, a Sunday; but it was impossible to go against the current, and so we had to anchor and keep quiet, waiting for favorable wind; all of Sunday passed till in the afternoon we saw the steamer coming down the river to Rajahmundry, and we gave it up and went home to get the steamer to tow us up.

Here we are quite surrounded by hills, all of them covered with beautiful green trees. We have only to go short distances at a time to reach the small villages along the shore. The poor ignorant people like to hear the good news we bring them, but when the time will come that they will accept the gospel to their salvation is still hidden from our eyes. We wish to visit them oftener, that they could hear the gospel more regularly, but that is difficult on account of this being so feverish a great part of the year. That is also the reason why native preachers cannot be sent here. We pray the Lord to open His doors and show us His way.

I wish to request our friends at home to join in our prayer, and to accept my best wishes for their welfare in return.

Yours in the Lord Jesus, GIOVANINI SCHMIDT.

RAJAHMUNDRY, 14th November, 1876.

Rev. and Dear Brethren of the Executive Committee.—I see from the papers that dear Mr Grönning has arrived safely in America, and I hope that it has been a time of mutual blessings, and that he has been able to stir up a lively interest in our mission in many congregations, in the time he has been with you. I did not hear anything from him, and I expect it must have been a busy time for him before he could leave his home.

We were so cheerful when we returned from our last trip to the hills; but we have all had several attacks of jungle fever since then, but not so very severe. We hope, however, the fever will not get any firm hold of us this time.

It looks very gloomy all over the country. The proclamation of the Queen as Empress of India, on 1st of January, at Delhi, is disliked by almost every one, in the present state of distress all over India. The southwest moonsoon brought very little rain, and the northeast moonsoon was an entire failure. We have seen some clouds, but we got not one shower of rain. The price of grain is risen twice as high as else, and still our district is one of the best in the country, on account of the many canals. The land looks as dry as in the hot season, and to think of having no prospects of rain before June or July next year makes the future look very gloomy. Actual famine has not yet commenced, and government is busy in buying and transporting grain for the distressed districts. Large supplies are expected from Burmah. But highway robbery and plundering

of the grain bazaars has already commenced, and the prisons are overfilled.

We will have to do something for our Christians also, and hope you will be able to send us some assistance. Cholera has not yet ceased, and now comes famine, and after famine generally follows pestilence. Onr daily prayer to the Lord is to spare the many ignorant people and the cattle which must die in great number, and to make the people seek for refuge in Jesus.

The Poulsens have gone out in the district to-day, and think to be out for some time.

I wish you and your families a happy Christmas and New Year.

Yours in the Lord, H. C. SCHMIDT.

RAJAHMUNDRY, 2d January, 1877.

My Dear Brother Schmucker—In forwarding our annual accounts, I just add a few words to wish you and yours the blessings of the season. We have had a very pleasant time ; many of our Christians came from the villages, though less than else on account of the famine. You will have have seen in the papers what dreadful times it is in South India ; and though our district has plenty of grain nevertheless, the prices are three times as high as else and many suffer. Mrs. Schmidt and myself suffer almost periodically from the jungle fever, and we have very little hope of being cured by medicine ; but we manage to go on with our work as best we can.

Yesterday was the proclamation of the Queen as Empress of India. Many people had gathered here, as the proclamation took place here for this district.

But it is time for the mail, and I will only add that we shall require for the current year, including "deficit," the sum of $3,500. On account of my illness last New Year and my going to Madras, where I had not my account books, the $200 deficit from 1874 were not mentioned in last year's account. We have been glad to read the reports in the papers about the resolutions in regard to our mission at the last meeting of the General Council. But we have neither had letters from Grönning nor from you ; and a deficit of Rs. 1,600 speaks its own ianguage about the interest of the General Council in her foreign mission. But we are of good courage, as the Lord is our helper. All trials serve to prove his faithfulness to his promises. Wishing you a happy New Year.

Yours sincerely, H. C. SCHMIDT.

IN BOAT, 26 March, 1877.

Rev. and Dear Brethren of the Committee for Foreign Missions :— Yesterday we had a pleasant day at Peddahem. Eight persons were received into the church by holy baptism ; they could all answer for themselves except one. They were members of three families. In the afternoon a fire broke out and destroyed six houses. I went there with our Christians, who were the bravest in extinguishing the fire. Had it not been for them very likely a good many more houses would have been destroyed.

I am very glad to see the tokens of mission interest in the Sabbath schools. And I sincerely hope that all enmity and controversy about our

mission soon may give room for an humbler spirit among those mission friends. My wife joins me in greeting to you all.

Yours, H. C. Schmidt.

Rajahmundry, Mission Boat, 23d August, 1877.

To the Committee for Foreign Missions of the General Council:

Rev. and Dear Brethren—We have just started in our boat for a circuit to some Christian villages, and as I could find no spare moments at home, it shall be my first in the boat to write a few lines to reach you before the meeting of the General Council. May the Lord bless the meeting abundantly, and fill every one of His servants with a fresh impulse to serve Him in His great work of salvation both among Christians and heathen.

We have been greatly encouraged by the signs of increased interest in the Telugu mission amongst the members of the General Council. Larger amounts than ever have by this time come to hand, and what most encourages us is that there is some prospect of a speedy increase to the number of missionaries.

Our work has gone on slowly, but my time flies much too fast. There is not as much spiritual work as I should like to see a missionary occupied with, but it is nevertheless work for the building up of His church. Living stones have not only to be laid merely, but they have to be fitted in and cemented together.

The famine has occupied much of my attention, and though no real want of food exists in this part, the prices are now three times as high as else. The statistics show five deaths for each birth in the famine districts, while in the whole presidency of Madras the deaths have been three to one birth.

Cholera and small-pox are now also prevailing here, but only one of our Christian children died from small-pox.

It seems as if we have the worst of the famine still before us. The moonsoon which had to set in June, has proved a failure even here at Rajahmundry, and we now look out for the October rains. If they set in well we may hope for relief in January—but not before.

Up till now people had partly grain in store or jewels and valuables to sell. It is astonishing to see what amount of jewels the Indian mints have bought and melted down the last year. I, even, have a number of jewels in hand for which I have advanced money to distressed, both Christians and heathens, which are to be redeemed in future. As they have not to pay me any interest for the money, it is a great help for the poor people. Many poor are reduced to mere skin and bones. I should not wish you to witness the sight we have every Sunday, which day I have appointed for the poor to come and receive their mite. But in the South it must be terrible. That mothers offer their offspring for sale happens frequently, and lately poor wretches have even been found to eat human flesh.

The hand of the Lord lies heavily upon this land; but a movement toward the true God is nowhere to be seen.

Lately a government schoolmaster of high caste was baptized by Bro. Poulsen, in one of his villages. But the people showed such enmity, that more than two hundred people prevented Poulsen to land at Rajahmundry on his return. They threatened him with stoning and pulling out of his hair in case he would land, and consequently he had to wait several hours until I could persuade the police officers to come to his rescue.

"*A Disturbance.*—We hear that on a day last week whilst a man of the *Muchi* caste was about being baptized by the Rev. Mr. Poulsen, of the Lutheran Mission at Rajahmundry, the relatives of the candidate, as well as several others of the same caste, flocked around and caused a great disturbance, which necessitated the calling in of assistance from the police."

This is a slip of the Cocanada paper.

As the people in his village object to his remaining their schoolmaster, the European inspector of schools advised that he should send in his resignation for the present, and I have taken him as a Moonshee.

The staff of our teachers has changed very little; but each of them has got one rupee in addition to his monthly pay. Only one of them is in the hills. But I have built a boat for one of our Christians who trades in the hills, and who takes every opportunity to preach the gospel besides. I hope this boat may also become a messenger of peace

Our catechists' salary has not been increased. I think it would be of importance if the General Council would consider the question about the ordination of our catechists, which was moved by Dr. Heyer. I am of the opinion that Joseph and Paulus are in no way inferior to the ordained native ministers in the Guntoor Mission.

Our church, I hope, may be finished next Christmas. It is slow work, as most is done by Christian apprentice boys.

Two of the boys supported by the Sabbath-schools have also joined our industrial school (?) when we saw that they were not gifted to become good teachers. The one is *Andrew*, of St. James Sabbath school, Reading. He is a pious boy and very obliging. Formerly, and as long as he was reading, he was subject to epileptic fits. Now he is a blacksmith apprentice, and likes to work hard, and has never since had any fits. The other is *Peter*, of Zion's Sabbath-school, at Rochester. He is a carpenter apprentice; has grown much stronger since he left the school. He came from the lowest caste, and was a dirty little fellow when he first came from his village. But now he is quite the pride of his poor mother, and she admires the small pieces of furniture which he, from time to time, has made for her. I am afraid he perhaps thinks also a little too much of himself. He likes to wear dresses of shining colors, as most of the Hindus do.

Rev. Isenschmidt's *William* pursues his studies and takes to carpentering after school hours. He makes nice writing desks and boxes for himself. As he is very strongly built, it is well for him to take to such work besides his lessons. I like it better than playing croquet, at which he is a good hand, his masters tell me.

Rev. J. B. Fox's *James* is the most advanced of the boys, both with regard to secular and Christian knowledge.

Paradasy, of St. John's, Philadelphia, is bodily weak, but a diligent student. He has lately commenced bookbinding, and draws maps fairly.

William Schaeffer, of Germantown, has finished his course, and is now school-master in Jagurupad. He is still young, but we hope he will turn out a useful mission agent.

I would propose a promising boy, Cornelius, for the kind support of the Germantown Sabbath-school.

Lazarus is not so much advanced as the former, and an attempt also to send him out for work did not succeed, as he could not get a sufficient

number of boys to attend the school. But as he has sufficient knowledge, he may soon become a teacher in another village.

In such case I would recommend another boy, John, from Velepoor, to be assisted by St. Peter's Sabbath-school, New York.

If it should be preferred, the children of the Sabbath-schools might go on supporting their boys also as teachers, but then a sum of at least $40 would be required annually for each teacher of the lowest grade.

The Charleston congregation asks what a catechist would cost to support. The annual salary of a catechist is $120, besides his traveling expenses.

For the present year 1877, the Sabbath-schools should make up their mind to send us $15 extra for each of their boys, on acccount of the famine.

Charles, of the Erie school, and *John*, of the Trinity school at Reading, are not much over 10 years old. Not much can be said about them. But they like to study, and John got the prize for the best English writing at the last examination.

Mrs. Schmidt joins me in greetings of Christian love,

Yours as ever, H. C. Schmidt.

Rajahmundry, 22 August, 1877.

Dear Dr. Schmucker:—Although it is a long time since I have written to you, I have nothing particular to relate; our work and life here in India is very much the one day as the other.

In the month of May I made a fortnightly preaching tour to the jungles in company with a missionary from Nursapoor. But as you already have heard to some extent about the class of people up there, I fear I can tell you nothing new about them. From the earliest morning the men were, as a rule, in the jungle at work, and the women are so afraid of the white man that they scarcely venture out of their huts while he is in the village. From these reasons we selected the evenings for preaching. About six o'clock in the evening the men came home; we went to them and asked the head man to give notice to everybody in the village that we would come after they had had their meals, into their public place in the street.

At 8 o'clock we started from our boat, with a lantern and a folding chair for each of us. The other missionary and myself spoke alternately to them, while his boat people, all Christians, sung hymns to them, and at last we generally had our evening prayers there.

At the end of last month, when I was out visiting the Christians at Peravaram, the government village school-master, Mr. Ratnam, was received by baptism into our flock. As he was of the higher castes and a friend of the principal people of the village, and has several relatives in good official positions, his baptism caused a great stir. Nobody of the caste people knew of it until he was baptized; if they had they most surely would have prevented it taking place in that village; for well do our government uphold the doctrine of personal liberty—but the Hindus are a cunning people, born lawyers, with a very loose conscience, so that a false witness can be had for a cigar. Ratnam had no idea whatever that he could not have remained in his post, only the arrangement with his boarding and lodging he knew would be difficult. After his baptism he wished at once to make it known to the people in the village. I went with him and we called on the village authorities and the principal people. Ratnam

stated simply that he had now become a Christian, but he had done nothing wrong, he had only done it for the salvation of his immortal soul, and that he would remain and teach their boys (he has been a teacher there for six years) just as before, and he only wished that they should remain friends as hitherto. They in answer told him that they would not send their boys to him, and that they would not, that is, nobody in the village, would give him anything to eat. As he was no private teacher he would not leave his place in that way, wherefore he made arrangements to move over and live with our Christian teacher, John. In the meantime Ratnam was with me in the boat. At once the people had sent a message to his relatives four miles off, and then afterwards tried their best to get him in their hands in order to give him over for them when they arrived. Although they had refused to give him anything to eat, as Ratnam well knew they would, they now sent all his scholars down to him enticing him to come up; he had nothing to eat, they said, and his dinner was waiting for him. From all that, Ratnam began to fear that some underhand baseness was going on; so he refused to go. Very soon most of the village people, Brahmins, Sudras, men, women and children, came in order to get him down. They begged, they cried, and at last they thought they might move him by speaking to him of his wife (ten years of age), of what an injustice he was doing her. Ratnam, although moved himself, gave them answer to all. Seeing their tricks, we saw that it would not do for him to remain, and we set off towards Rajahmundry. He came leaving everything behind him, his books, clothes, as they said they would not deliver it to anybody but to himself when he came up for it. We had only come two miles in a canal, when we came to the Godavery, which we had to cross. Then met us some of R.'s relatives, who were trembling all over their body from anger and sorrow. At first they said nothing but that he should come down from the boat, they wanted to speak to him, in private, of course, only to get him in their hands and then force him into a boat they kept ready. As he did not go down, they began to get up on the boat. Hitherto I had said nothing, but when I saw that I threatened that the first who dared to step up on my private boat would be thrown down; that kept them back; when we then again started, they took hold of the boat to stop it. To threaten R. they then hinted at Rs. 500, which they would drag him in court for (such false charges are not unfrequently used to get revenge). As R.'s relations were respectable people with some influence, they had influenced the people so that I, for ever so much money, could not get boatmen to take us across the river, so that we had to go out a little from the shore for the night and send to Peravaram to get some of the Christians to help us over the next morning. We had a good wind, so we early in the morning set off and reached Rajahmundry a little after sunrise. But R.'s relatives had not been idle; they were at Rajahmundry from their own village five miles off. They stood on the shore, with a mob of about 200 people, ready to take hold of him as soon as he landed. Expecting them to do so, we did not go to the shore, but dropped anchor a little distance out, and sent a man swimming to the shore with a note to the police station to get an escort for him to my house. The other party had beforehand applied to the police to take R. from me to their house, as I had, they said, given him some medicines, and by unfair means had carried him away, and that he was insane, not capable of judging for himself.

The native police in such and in most cases cannot at all be trusted. As R. was of their own caste people, they were all on the side of the other party; and it was only by Mr. Schmidt's (who got knowledge of it) exertions that we got a sufficient escort with a European inspector at the head.

Although very tired and somewhat excited, R. stated clearly to his relatives his reasons for becoming a Christian, and exhorted them to seek salvation in the same way. They in return begged him to come with them, scolded him and mocked him. He bore that silently, only in a friendly though decided manner answered their questions.

Humanly speaking, we must have great sympathy with the relations; it is almost heart-rending to witness their sorrows, for from their point of view it is a terrible calamity which befalls them.

School at Rajahmundry.

Two of the Christian boys go in a Third Elementary School, three others in the Government Provincial School. These five boys, together with one boarding boy, come to my house sometimes for religious instruction, one and two hours in the morning before they go to their schools. As Mr. Schmidt better knows the Sunday-schools, he is likely to write more fully about them. The boarding-house is in my "compound," but as the boarders, with the exception of the one, are working in different handiworks at Mr. Schmidt's house, I have nothing to do with them, except the pecuniary part. The boarding of them in this famine time is about four times more than what it used to be. The two catechists, Joseph and Paulus, are teaching in our own small school, in which only are small children, who begin their first lessons by writing the alphabet in sand on the ground with their fingers.

Jagorpad.

Teacher, William, just taken out of our school, unmarried, too inexperienced to do much preaching to the heathen, but last Sunday when I went there and examined the children I found he had taught them Bible history very well. Only two Christian children and four heathen. The congregation meet to service twice every Sunday. No new converts there for a long time. Last Sunday I baptized there a man from a new village between this and Jagorpad.

Murramunda.

Teacher, Peter, about 22 years old. It seems he does not like his work very much. I hear he does not like to be there, and sometimes absents himself. At the end of the month, when he comes here, I must inquire of it. There are about nine Christian children in the school. For some time a private family quarrel which has extended to most of the Christians has been going on there. When I last went there only two members came to the Sacrament; however, they begin now to attend the service more regularly. Besides Sunday they also meet to prayer every week-day evening. When the late teacher there was dismissed for leading an immoral life, they got very displeased because we could not at once supply them with another; but they will not themselves do even a little repair to the school-house, which they during their leisure hours might do with their own hands. As for the hour of meeting together, the Hindus do not care for hours Here at Rajahmundry, only, there is punctuality in that respect.

Peravaram.

Teacher, John, about 22 years old, a good, active young man. A new school-house has been built there. Only some four or five small children.

Yours in Jesus, I. K. POULSEN.

Financial Report.

EXPENDITURES IN INDIA FOR 1876.

Report of Rev. H. C. Schmidt and General Expenses.

	Rupees.	Annas.	Pice.
Deficit from 1875	403	9	0
Catechists' and other houses of natives	156	11	0
Taxes	14	9	10
Salary and traveling expenses of Catechist Paulus	249	5	0
Expenses to Madras (when sick)	300	0	0
" in the District	28	0	0
Repairs to buildings	162	5	6
Expenses of boat	40	0	0
Postage	6	0	0
Support of William (Wilmington); James (Rev. J. B. Fox); Paradasy (St. Johannis, Phila.); Wm. Schaeffer (Germantown); Lazarus (St. Peter's, N. Y.); Peter (Zion's, Rochester); Charles (Erie); John and Andrew (Trinity and St. James, Reading)	420	0	0
	1780	7	4
Received for this account	1190	5	6
Deficit	590	2	10
Amount overlooked in 1874	453	10	0
Total Deficit	1043	12	10

Report of Rev. I. K. Poulsen.

	Rupees.	Annas.
Salary and expenses of Catechist	249	2
" " " of Teachers	234	12
Traveling expenses (Rev. Poulsen)	82	0
Taxes and postage	18	8
Repairs to house	25	7
" to school-houses	19	8
	629	5
Local subscriptions	78	8
	550	13

SCHOOL ACCOUNT FOR 1876.

Cr.	Rup.	An.	P.
Rent of house at Samulcotta	164	4	
Subscriptions for 1876:			
Judge F. Brandt	120	0	
Collector J. Kelsall	120	0	
Dr. Bilderbek	60	0	
Capt. Porteous	60	0	
" C. Taylor	48	0	
E. P. Metcalf, Esq	24	0	
	596	4	
Expenses	539	14	6
Balance	56	5	6

Dr.	Rup.	An.	P.
Paid to Rev. Poulsen	78	8	0
Teachers' pay and batta.	458	14	6
Repairs of schools	2	8	0
Total	539	14	6

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Cr.		*Dr.*	
Five Bills of Exchange of Jan., March, Aug., Sept., Oct.....$500 gold,	$2,500	Salary of Rev. Schmidt.....	$1,000
Rent and subscriptions as above.....	298	" " " Poulsen.....	1,000
		Expenses per account of Rev. Schmidt.....	890
		Expenses per account of Rev. Poulsen.....	315
		Deficit from 1874.....	227
Receipts.....	$2,798	Total Indebtedness.....	$3,432
Variations in exchange.....	112	Total Credits.....	2,910
Total Credits.....	$2,910	Deficit Jan., 1877.....	$522

FUNDS IN POSSESSION OF A. E. FREY.

That part of the above report which refers to the funds sent to the Rev. A. E. Frey, of Brooklyn, New York, editor of the *Missions-Blatt*, for the Foreign Missions of the General Council, and retained by him, action on which was postponed from a previous meeting, was now considered. Pastor Frey appeared before the convention and made a statement in his own behalf. After a full discussion of the subject, in which Pastor Frey gave no satisfactory explanation of his course, and refused to make any promises for the future, it was

Resolved, That the Foreign Mission Committee of the General Council be instructed to demand and secure from Rev. A. E. Frey, editor of the *Missions-Blatt*, the payment at once to the Treasurer of the General Council of all moneys in his hands belonging to or intended for the Foreign Missions or Missionaries of this Council.

Resolved, That the Council denies the right of any one to collect or hold funds designed for the use of its Foreign Missions except in trust for the Treasurer, and subject to his order, and that ministers and members are warned against committing their contributions to any one who declines to conform to this demand.

MISSION PAPERS.

It was further

Resolved, That the whole question of the publication of a paper or papers to be devoted to the cause of Missions be referred to a special committee to be appointed at this convention with power to act; that this committee consist of five persons, the President of this body and two members from each of the executive committees on Foreign and Home Missions.

The following persons were subsequently appointed by the Council on the committee provided for in this resolution, viz.: Revs. C.

P. Krauth, A. Spaeth, F. Wischan, W. A. Passavant and G. A. Wenzel.

The report of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions was adopted as a whole.

Rev. A. E. Frey presented a bill of seven dollars, to defray his expenses in meeting with the Council, at its request, in reference to the above matter. It was ordered to be paid.

Dr. Schmucker presented a

Report on the English Sunday-School Book.

There have been sold of the English Sunday-School Book since the report of the last General Council, 1,802 copies, the premium on which is $54.06.

The original cost of the plates was $1,053.46. The money to pay for the plates was furnished in part by the Sunday-schools, the remainder was advanced by Dr. J. A. Seiss, to be repaid from the premiums accruing to the Council. The amount furnished by the Sunday-schools was $510.14, the amount advanced by Dr. Seiss $543.32. The number of copies sold from the beginning has been 17,823, the premium on which is $534.69. Of this amount $28.36 were paid for corrections in plates, copyright and copies of books furnished; the remainder, $506.33, has been paid to Dr Seiss, leaving a balance now due him of $36.99.

In accordance with the recommendation of the General Council at its last convention, an edition without music has been prepared, the plates of which are completed, and publication will be made within a month. The money to pay for the plates has been advanced by the Lutheran Book Store at legal interest, to be repaid from the premiums to accrue from the sales. The size of the volume is 32mo. 194 pages of nonpareil type.

Received and adopted.

Dr. Seiss presented a

Report on the English Edition of the Catechism with Proof Texts.

The book was issued March 31, 1874. The cost of its publication, advanced by the Lutheran Book Store, was $149.85. Up to June 1, 1877, 3,000 copies had been sold, the premiums on which amounted to $45. The interest on the amount advanced by the Book Store, after deducting the premiums accruing from time to time, from April 1, 1874, to June 1, 1877, was $27.10, making a balance due from the General Council at the last-mentioned date of $131.95.

The report was received and adopted.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. G. Lieb.

ELEVENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 16, 2:30 P. M.

The opening service was conducted by the Rev. J. Telleen.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Rev. E. Smith read

The Report of the Executive Committee on Home Missions.

In the Minutes of the Second Convention of this honorable body, "By-laws for the Executive Committee on Home Missions of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America". are found. These by-laws commit to the management of a committee elected by this body the home mission work of the General Council, not otherwise provided for by the several District Synods in connection with her. The wisdom of this action on the part of this body, constituted as it is of a number of District Synods embracing a wide territory, has been demonstrated in the success which has crowned the work of said committee, some of the missions now sustaining themselves in houses of worship erected by their own exertion, and aid in promoting the work of the Lord in outlying districts.

Your Committee in submitting this, their ninth annual report, do not deem it necessary to enlarge upon the principles which are to govern their work, as these principles are definitely laid down in the rules above referred to; and for us again at length to revert, as we have so often been constrained to do, to the piercing cry of the children of the Church for the Bread of Life, and our inability under existing circumstances to grant them their request, is measurably but a restatement of former reports.

For years we have been under the unpleasant and painful necessity of urging upon the various District Synods in connection with this body to observe with more conscientious fidelity a rule made and adopted by themselves, viz.:—"That the District Synods be requested to transfer at least one-fifth ($\frac{1}{5}$) of all their funds for Home Missions and Church Extension to the treasury of the General Council, to be expended by its Executive Committee on Home Missions in the furtherance of the objects specified," Min. 1869, p. 35. And yet we are necessitated again to state to this honorable body, that a tardiness and negligence in complying with this just and equitable rule has marked the course of the Synods during the past year, unequaled by any of the preceding, and the result is that our depleted and overdrawn treasury is burdened with a grievous debt, and some of the members of the Committee refuse to serve any longer, so long as the present aspect of affairs remains unchanged. We know that the financial stringency which has weighed heavily upon our country for the

last four years has been great, and that the Church's work in every field has felt it more or less; but we see no cause why your Committee should be expected to plant and sustain mission stations and congregations in such any more than in prosperous times, without the prayers *and the money* of our brethren in the District Synods.

The Committee has labored and prayed and sacrificed in the year that has gone by, in the earnest hope that God would put it into the hearts of those who claim unselfish devotion to the pure truths of His Word as confessed by our Church, "to come over and help us;" but thus far grief and bitter disappointment seem to have been our only reward. Fields ripe for the sickle are awaiting our entrance, not only in the fertile prairies of the West, in the towns and cities which there spring up in a day, but all over this broad and beautiful land of ours; and we have been unable to enter and reap for want of funds, and our people are being snatched up by the hungry and persistent sectarist only to forget their "first love," and to sadden us with the thought, that we are "always beginning and always behind." If you, brethren, in your respective synods would *at once* "come up to the help of the Lord—the help of the Lord against the mighty," a congregation here, another there, and a third elsewhere, would soon thank you for your labor of love, and show you the wisdom of executing resolutions when made, and of being on the territory in time. The Committee feels that if it is to have an existence beyond that of a mere name, this must at once be done. We know that many of the districts are doing much mission work within their own immediate bounds, and that they are making large appropriations for its successful prosecution; but this does not relieve the Committee of its embarrassment, nor of its duty, and we would therefore again respectfully remind the District Synods of the money due us, and ask that it be paid. If this is done, it will be of inestimable worth, for then the Committee could send out a chosen man, as it did in 1871–72, who could devote all his time and energies in preaching to the scattered ones of the fold, and in gathering and organizing them into congregations. During the last year only $1,178 00 of the amount—nearly $4,000 00—due us, have been paid into our treasury. This will account for the meagre character of the work performed. When will the brethren of the District Synods awake to their responsibility, and to the performance of their duty? Would to God it might be soon!

The Missions under the supervision of the Committee during a part or the whole of the year just ended, are:

1. *The Chicago Mission*, under the pastoral care of our faithful and efficient missionary, Rev. E. Belfour. With ceaseless activity he has labored for the success of this important field, and by the mercy of God he has not labored in vain. The congregation is steadily increasing in

membership, and each year gives evidence of greater strength and efficiency. The floating debt on the church property is being gradually diminished, and the hope to materially lessen the same during the ensuing winter is confidently entertained by the pastor. The Sunday-school now numbers fully three hundred scholars, under the care of twenty-four faithful teachers and officers, and everything relating to the best interests of the congregation bears evidence of a very encouraging future.

2. *The Columbus, Ohio, English Mission*, Rev. H. Peters pastor, sustained jointly by your Committee, and by the District Synod of Ohio. To rehearse the history of this Mission is not necessary; it has been one of toil and trial for many years, and especially and peculiarly so since it has come under the supervision of this body. With an uninviting church, badly located, and a debt weighing heavily upon the congregation, the struggles of this little band have indeed been severe. Though the numerical strength of the congregation has increased but slightly within the last year, the debt on its property has been diminished, and the congregation considers itself "in a more comfortable condition financially than it has ever been, and is able to *carry* its debt, though not to cast it off." Any aid that may be given to the Committee, or sent to the pastor, for this burdened people, will be gratefully received and faithfully applied. The pastor has labored in season and out of season for the welfare of the congregation and the glory of God, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that his labor has not been in vain. A catechetical class numbering ten members will soon be received into full communion with the congregation, and a class of adult catechumens is about to be formed by the pastor with encouraging prospects of success.

3. *Vandalia, Ill., Mission*—This Mission has been served by Rev. W. Aldrich for nearly three years. In December, 1876, the final report of Pastor Aldrich was received, thanking the Committee for the assistance which has been rendered his congregation for several years past, assuring us of the gradual and steady growth of the flock, and informing us that no further appropriations for that field were needed, as the congregation itself had determined to undertake the support of its pastor.

Earnest appeals for help have also come to your Committee from the brethren of the Holston Synod, the Canada and the Texas Synods; but as our treasury was already burdened with debt, we could not come to the relief of these struggling brethren.

We here also add, from the reports in our possession, a brief summary of the local mission work of the District Synods.

MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The mother Synod has not been unmindful of the wants of the scattered sheep of her fold within her bounds. Twelve Missions have been aided

by her Executive Committee, in addition to those under the care of the Board of City Missions—eight in number—making a total of twenty. No missions were discontinued. Each missionary has labored faithfully in his field, even under great discouragements and trials, and much has been done to save our people to the Church of their fathers and of their faith.

In addition to the above, Trinity Church, of Lancaster, Penna., supports a mission under its own auspices and direction in that city.

$4,091.65 were expended by the Ministerium and the Board of Missions for the city of Philadelphia, in mission-work during the last Synodical year.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

From the report of the Mission Committee adopted one year ago, it appears that twenty missions and mission fields were recognized as claiming its attention; fourteen of these have been under the care of regular pastors, and have been faithfully served; others have had occasional supplies; and still others, for want of laborers, were unsupplied. The labors of the missionaries in their several fields, although in many instances prosecuted in the face of great difficulties and discouragements, have, by the blessing of God, been successful beyond expectation. In Nova Scotia Rev. Father Cossmann, the Synod's Missionary at large, has been faithfully employed in ministering to the spiritual wants of the many Germans scattered throughout that province. Nearly $3,000 were appropriated by the Synods for the support of missions, but as several of the fields remained unoccupied, the amount actually expended does not exceed $2,300.

THE DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

During the past year five Missions have been aided by this Synod, located respectively in Ada, Alliance, Columbus, Zanesville and Spaulding county, Ohio. The Mission in Van Wert, Van Wert county, Ohio, formerly under the oversight of this Synod, has recently been united with the pastoral charge of Rev. Corbet, and therefore requires no aid from Synod at this time. The congregation of Ada, for the present served by Pastor Neiffer, of Lima, O., though scarce a year has elapsed since its organization, is erecting a fine brick church. Zanesville, made vacant by the death of Rev. W. P. Ruthrauff, has a faithful and successful laborer in the person of Rev. F. Richards. Alliance receives as the successor of Rev. J. L. Smith, Pastor M. L. Kunkleman. Rev. H. Peters still labors at Columbus, and the Spaulding County Mission is served by Rev. J. Snyder.

The sum of $1,250 was appropriated for mission work for the ensuing year.

THE SWEDISH AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

There is no synod in connection with the General Council that has shown a more self-sacrificing spirit in the work of our blessed Lord than this body. Pastor Norelius writes: "The past year has been a year of depression from hard times in general, and from the grasshopper plague in the Western States in particular. Our mission work has suffered in common with other church enterprises from these causes, but we have great reason, nevertheless, to thank God for what has been accomplished under the circumstances." The mission work of this Synod is divided into three classes, viz.: "The general work, done in behalf of the General Council; the home work, carried on by a system of supplies and itinerancy, within the bounds of Synod; and the foreign work," by which latter is understood the work of establishing Lutheran missions in the Indian Territory. As we read of the trials and the toils of these brethren, and learn of the self-sacrificing devotion of the people among whom their missions have been planted and are being prosecuted, we are both humbled and made ashamed. Some of the districts have been ravaged by the grasshoppers for four successive years, and would have been starved out unless they had been supported by the more favored churches in the State of Minnesota; yet we are told that, should the grasshopper plague cease, the people would in a short time support their own pastors. When we compare the spirit and the devotion exhibited by these brethren with that manifested here in our middle and eastern states, we cannot but feel that the cares of this life absorb more the attention of our membership here, and that the inquiry with them is rather, "what shall we eat?" and "what shall we drink?" and "wherewithal shall we be clothed?" than, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

The aggregate of funds expended by this Synod within the last year for this purpose is $5,222.73.

CANADA SYNOD.

Seven missions were supported during the year, the Ottowa-Denbigh, Rev. G. Bastian, pastor; the Morrisson, C. Schimmel, pastor; the Huron, G. H. Schoemperlin, pastor; New Dundee, A. Vockrodt, pastor; Stratford, A. Halleen, pastor; Brant-Bentinck, C. A. Graepp, pastor; and the Aldboro Mission, C. F. Spring, pastor.

These missions embrace about 25 congregations, all in the midst of German immigrants who found their home in Canada. The labor of all these pastors, through the blessing of the Lord, has been rich for good. The sum expended by the Synod on these missions was $840.

THE NEW YORK MINISTERIUM.

The Executive Committee of this body has had under its care and direction, within the last year, six mission congregations, served by the

same number of pastors: Rev. C. Kuehn still continues in the Bethlehem Mission; with cheerfulness and in the hope of a brighter future, Rev. G. W. Drees labors in the congregation at Breslau. Pastor W. Buehler is stationed at Newburg; Pastor F. Braun serves a small congregation in West New York; Pastor C. R. Gerndt is still at Webster, and Pastor L. H. Gerndt continues his labors as chaplain among the poor and afflicted Germans on Ward's Island. From the report of the Committee, as it appears in the minutes, we are led to believe that each of these brethren has labored faithfully in his field, and that a good measure of success is accompanying their work.

This Ministerium devoted the sum of $616 to the work of Home Missions within the last year.

MICHIGAN SYNOD.

This Synod has a mission in Greenwood, one in Reed City, and another in Tuscola county, Michigan.

The mission in Greenwood, through the self-denying labors and contributions of the membership, has recently secured the necessary ground and erected a pastor's home upon it. By the blessing of God the membership has been growing in numbers and in devotion to the Church.

Reed City Mission has not yet been able to secure for itself a church, but the brethren are cheerful and hopeful, and the labors of the missionary have been richly blessed.

The Tuscola County Mission is comparatively new, and but little can be said concerning it.

From Williams county, Ohio, a call for a pastor has gone to this Synod, and the president expresses it as his conviction, that your committee would do a good work by sending a missionary to that new and important field.

The support extended to these missions is about $700.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

We gather from the report of the Superintendent of Missions of this Synod, that five mission stations and congregations were under the fostering care of the same during the last synodical year, viz.: Bristol, Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., pastor; Kingston, served by the same pastor; Knoxville, Rev. J. G. Schaidt, pastor, assisted occasionally by the Rev. G. H. Cox; Wartburg, Rev. Chas. A. Bruegmann, pastor; and the St. Mary's congregation, under the pastoral supervision of Rev. Prof. J. C. Barb. With commendable zeal these brethren have carried on the work of the Lord, and a good measure of success has crowned their labors. $400 were appropriated from the treasury of Synod for the support of the Bristol and Wartburg Missions, and the Synod's Mis-

sionary Superintendent was directed to apply to the Committee on Home Missions of the General Council, for aid in the furtherance of the work at these two points.

TEXAS SYNOD.

This Synod for a number of years past engaged the services of a traveling missionary; but owing to circumstances over which the Synod had no control, they found this way of accomplishing the desired work impracticable. Hence, for the present at least, they have abandoned it, and now about fifteen stations are regularly visited by the pastors of Synod, in this way saving the outlay of money, and yet doing the work. The amount appropriated to the traveling missionary while in the employ of Synod was $350.

The brethren of this Synod manifest a commendable zeal in the promotion of this work, and we bespeak for them the sympathies and the prayers of all in connection with this body.

INDIANA SYNOD.

This young Synod, brought into being mainly through the untiring zeal of our lamented brother, Rev. J. L. Stirewalt, has opened to it a large and promising field, and is tilling the same with all earnestness and faithfulness. The Missionary President, Rev. R. E. McDaniel, continued his labors of visiting vacant charges, and of preaching and gathering into congregations such of our scattered people as could be reached, until some time last Spring, when he was called to become pastor at Colburn, Tippecanoe county, Indiana. Since that time no one has been engaged as Missionary President.

The Synod has at the present but one mission under its care, Corydon, Indiana, Rev. J. E. Wesner, pastor. The sum of $100 was voted for the assistance of this mission for the coming year. The last session of the Synod was one of great interest; the work progresses and the bounds of Synod are extended.

For the Committee, E. SMITH.

THOMAS H. LANE, *Treasurer, in account with Home Mission Fund of the General Council of Evangelical Lutheran Church.*

1876.		DR.	
Dec. 13.	To cash received from Pennsylvania Synod.....		$200 00
1877.			
Jan'y 4.	To cash received from Adam Shoop.....		1 25
"	" " " Rev. E. Smith, Greenburg.		1 25
Feb'y 8.	" " per Rev. S. Laird on account of following persons:		
	Mrs. Caroline S. Bremer	$100	
	" Mary Hensell....	100	
	Miss Caroline Heyl...	25	
	Wm. L. Schaeffer.....	50	275 00

Feb'y. 20.	To cash received from H. H. Muhlenburg, M. D.	$50 00	
" 26.	" " " A member of St. John's Church, Philadelphia....	50 00	
April 5.	" " " Joseph Esherick, Sr.....	50 00	
Sept. 10.	" " " Pennsylvania Synod, per Rev. W. A. Passavant, D.D.	500 00	
" "	" " " Pittsburgh Synod, per Rev. W. A. Passavant, D. D..	478 00	
Oct. 10.	To balance overdrawn	1,425 16	
			$3,030 66

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1876. Nov. 10.	By balance overdrawn as per former statement....	$1,044 28	
1877. Oct. 10.	By cash paid Rev. H. Peters.....	300 00	
	" " " E. Belfour.....	1,535 00	
	" " " N. Aldrich.....	50 00	
	" " interest.....	$24 80 / 76 58	101 38
			$3,030 66

We hereby certify that we have examined the above account and found it correct, and corresponding with vouchers, etc.

D. M. Armor,
W. W. Wattles,
Auditing Committee.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 10, 1877.

The report was received and the following action taken:

Resolved, That we adopt this report, heartily approving of the action of the Committee, and acknowledging the extraordinary importance of the work; and that we do most earnestly urge the several Synods represented in this body, to come up to the necessities of the case, and promptly to meet the obligations which the requirements of the work impose upon them.

Resolved, That the Committee of the General Council on Home Missions be advised to bring the claims of Home Missions to the attention of the churches, by means of the Church papers.

Resolved, That the pastors of the churches of the General Council arrange for special meetings in the interest of Home Missions, to awaken a greater interest in the cause among our people.

Resolved, That at the various Conference meetings, general missionary meetings be held, to be addressed by members of the General Home Missionary Committee, if possible.

Executive Committee on Home Missions.

The following persons were elected the Executive Committee on Home Missions, viz.: Revs. W. A. Passavant G. A. Wenzel, E. Smith, J. K. Melhorn, S. Laird, and Messrs. T. H. Lane, A. Lange, D. M. Armor, W. W. Wattles, and H. E. White.

The Report of the Committee on the Minutes of the District Synods was presented and received. Pending its consideration, adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. F. J. F. Schantz.

TWELFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 16, 7:30 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. S. Fritschel.

The minutes were read and approved.

Council resumed the consideration of the

Report of the Committee on Minutes of District Synods.

Your Committee on the Minutes of District Synods respectfully report that after an examination of the several documents placed in their hands, they find the following items to which the attention of the General Council is directed:

The Pittsburgh Synod took the following action at its recent convention in Butler, Pa.:

1. *Resolved,* That the delegates to the General Council be instructed to request that body to instruct its committee on the Constitution for District Synods, to complete that work as speedily as possible.

2. *Resolved,* That they further request the General Council to have the Orders for Ministerial Acts prepared and published, as soon as the work can be done properly.

3. *Resolved,* That we recommend the General Council so to change Sec. 2, Art. I. of its Constitution, as to read, "It shall be composed of delegates chosen by the Synods represented in it," instead of "*annually* chosen;" and in case the General Council makes this change the Pittsburgh Synod agrees to it.

4. The Indiana Synod desires again to bring before the General Council the matter of the establishment of the Theological Seminary at Chicago, hoping that something may be done as soon as possible.

5. The Ministerium of New York had really but one point requiring the action of the General Council, and that point has already been acted upon. Respectfully submitted, THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and the following action taken on it:

CONSTITUTION FOR DISTRICT SYNODS.

Resolved, That the Committee on the preparation of this document be instructed to complete it as speedily as possible.

ORDERS FOR MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Resolved, That the Committee on Church Books be urged to continue the preparation of the orders for Ministerial Acts, and present it completed as soon as possible.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Resolved, That the word "*annually*" be stricken out of the first line of Sec. 2, Art. I. of the constitution, so that it shall read, "It shall be composed of delegates chosen," etc., and that the Vice Presidents be instructed to request the action of their Synods upon this amendment.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of the District Synods was then adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Convention.

Your Committee on the Minutes of the last Convention of the General Council, would, in the discharge of the duty assigned them, respectfully report the following items, which demand the attention of the present session of the Council, viz. :

1. A committee was appointed at the last convention of this body, which, in conjunction with the German Secretary, was required to revise the German translation of the Constitution for Congregations, presented by the Committee. Min., p. 9.

2. The Committee on Relief Societies was authorized to prepare and publish for distribution, a Constitution and By-Laws of a Relief Association, upon certain general principles clearly defined. p. 22.

3. The President of the General Council was requested to prepare a series of Theses on the Galesburg Declaration on Pulpit and Altar Fellowship, and lay them before this session of the General Council; and it was also provided that these Theses should be published in the languages used in the Council, not less than three months before the time of our present meeting. p. 30.

4. A resolution was passed that at this convention of the Council we appoint a member of this body to visit the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America (General Synod South) at its next Convention, to express our cordial good wishes to that body. p. 55.

5. The officers of the General Council were instructed to select a device for a seal and have it engraved. p. 60.

9. The question of the publication of an edition of the English Sunday-School Book without the music, was referred to the committee on that work, with authority to act in the matter; also that this committee be instructed to present an annual report to this body. p. 61.

7. Action on the declination of Professor H. E. Jacobs to accept the Professorship in the Chicago Theological Seminary, to which he had been elected, was postponed till this convention of the General Council. p. 62.

We would call the special attention of the General Council to these

different items, and recommend that such action be taken upon them as may in the judgment of the Council be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Brown,
R. Hill,
P. J. Swaerd,
Lewis L. Houpt.

The report was received and considered by items, and action taken as follows:

CONSTITUTION FOR CONGREGATIONS.

Item 1. The Committee reported that the German translation of the Constitution for Congregations had been revised.

RELIEF ASSOCIATIONS.

Item 2. The Committee on Relief Associations reported progress, and was continued.

THESES ON PULPIT AND ALTAR FELLOWSHIP.

Item 3. The President reported that the Theses on Pulpit and Altar Fellowship had been prepared in full in English, and in part in German.

VISITOR TO THE GENERAL SYNOD SOUTH.

Item 4. Dr. Seiss was elected visitor to the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America, and Dr. Schmucker was elected the alternate.

SEAL FOR THE COUNCIL.

Item 5. The President reported that a seal for the General Council had not yet been prepared. The Committee was continued, with instructions to attend to the duty assigned it.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOOK WITHOUT MUSIC.

Item 6. The Committee on the Sunday-School Book reported that an edition without the music had been prepared, and would soon be issued from the press.

CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Item 7. Action on the declination of Prof. H. E. Jacobs, of the Professorship of the Chicago Theological Seminary, was postponed.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of the last Convention was then adopted as a whole.

Dr. Spaeth presented

The Report of the Committee on the German Church Book.

Your Committee respectfuliy report, that since the last Convention the

German Church Book has been printed and published in two editions, a larger and a smaller one. There have been printed by Sherman & Co. 20,500 copies of the book—10,000 copies of the large edition and 10,500 of the small edition. Of these there have been sold by Sherman & Co., to different booksellers, 5,800 copies—3,000 of the large edition, 2,800 of the small edition—200 copies of the large edition have been reserved for the use of the Committee.

The terms of the publication of the German Church Book are the following: Sherman & Co. print the book and sell it in sheets; the large edition at $400 per thousand, the small edition at $210. The premium accruing to this body from the sale of the book is fifteen cents per copy on the large edition, and ten cents per copy on the small edition. The retail price at which the book is sold by the booksellers is $1.00 for the large edition and 60 cents for the small edition.

As Sherman & Co. advanced the money for the printing of the Probedruck, amounting to $750 with interest, and also the money for the plates of both editions as now published, amounting to $1510 for the large edition, and $1200 for the small edition, these sums together with the expenses of the committee will have to be paid first, before any money accruing from the premiums will flow into the treasury of this body. The plates are forever the property of the General Council, and until the money advanced by Sherman & Co. is paid back in full, the printing, according to our agreement, will be done by this firm.

The committee have seen fit to add in the liturgical parts to the order of the Main Service (Communio) and the Vesper service to the order of the Matin Service.

In the Communion Service, on the ground of the most careful investigation of the best Agendas of the sixteenth century, the Words of Distribution have been altered to read thus:

"Nimm hin und iss, das ist der Leib Christi, der für dich gegeben ist."

"Nimm hin und trink, das ist das Blut des Neuen Testaments, das für deine Sünde vergossen ist."

The "Cantional und Choralbuch," which has been prepared by John Endlich, Esq., at the request and with the approbation of the committee, and which furnishes the full musical material for the whole German Church Book, is in the hands of the printer, and will appear in a short time.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Spaeth, *Secretary.*

The report was received and adopted, and the following resolution passed:

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Council are hereby extended to the committee having in charge the preparation of the German Church

Book, for the able and conscientious manner in which they have performed their difficult and responsible trust.

Dr. Spaeth presented

The Report of the Committee on the German Sunday-School Book.

In the course of the past year no new edition of the German Sunday-School Book has been printed. The sales thus far amount to 14,000 copies; the premiums amount to $700, leaving a balance of $409.20 still due to the publishers There are only about 1000 copies on hand, so that a new edition will soon be needed.

As it is desirable that the tunes of the chorals in the Sunday-School Book should be perfectly in harmony with those of the new Choral Book published by John Endlich, Esq., the permission of this body is herewith asked to make such alterations as the musical editor may find necessary in order to reach the desired agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Spaeth,
B. M. Schmucker,
J. Endlich.

The report was received, the authority asked for in it was granted, and it was adopted.

Report of Committee on the German Edition of the Catechism with Proof Texts.

The Catechism with Proof Texts has been translated into German, and published by the firms of Brobst, Diehl & Co. and the *Pilger* Book Store, both firms jointly advancing the money for the plates, which is to be paid back from the premium accruing to this body, amounting to one cent per copy. The book is sold at eighteen cents per copy, and $1.75 per dozen.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Spaeth.
G. Drees.

Pulpit and Altar Fellowship.

The following resolution offered by Dr. Schmucker was adopted:

Resolved, That having now devoted a very large portion of this meeting of the Council to the discussion of the Theses on the Galesburg Declaration on Pulpit and Altar Fellowship, presented by the President, the further consideration of them be postponed until the next meeting of the Council.

Thanks.

Rev. F. J. F. Schantz offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of the General Council be

conveyed to the members of the different churches of Philadelphia, by their respective pastors, for the hospitable entertainment of members of the Council and visitors, during the present annual convention.

Resolved, That thanks be returned to the Council and congregation of the Church of the Holy Communion, for the use of their church by the present annual convention of the General Council.

Resolved, That thanks be returned to the various railroad companies for the facilities afforded the members and visitors of the General Council, viz.: the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway, and the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company.

Resolved, That thanks be returned to the representatives of the daily papers, for their regular attendance at the sessions of the Council, and their reports of the proceedings of this annual Convention.

Day of Fasting and Prayer.

On motion of Rev. G. A. Hinterleitner, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider, and report at the next Convention, on the propriety of annually observing a day of fasting and prayer throughout the Church.

Committee: Revs. G. A. Hinterleitner, A. Spaeth and C. P. Krauth.

Finances.

On motion of the Treasurer, it was

Resolved, That one-half of the traveling expenses of the delegate from the Texas Synod, incurred in coming to this convention, be paid out of the General Fund.

It was further

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Council be requested to write to the Treasurers of those Synods which have not paid their quota into the General Fund, and request them to do so.

Next Convention.

The second Thursday in October, 1879, was fixed as the time of meeting of the next Convention. The determination of the place was left to the President, two Recording Secretaries and Treasurer.

Minutes.

The Secretaries were instructed to have one thousand copies of the minutes printed in German and English.

The minutes of this session were read and approved, and the Council adjourned.

Closing Exercises.

The closing exercises were conducted by the President. The Council united in the Litany, the Lord's Prayer and the second and sixth Litany Collects. The first, second and fourth stanzas of the 274th Hymn of the English Church Book were sung, and the Benediction was pronounced by the President.

SAMUEL LAIRD,

English Recording Secretary of the General Council.

STATISTICS OF THE DISTRICT SYNODS.

SYNODS.	Organized.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Time and Place of Next Convention.
1. Ministerium of Pennsylvania	1748	190	375	77,000	Trinity Sunday, 1878, Easton, Pa.
2. Ministerium of New York	1787	68	65	24,733	June 27, 1878, ——— ———.
3. Pittsburgh Synod	1845	65	138	11,225	Last Wednesday in August, 1878, Greenville, Pa.
4. District Synod of Ohio	1857	29	67	6,468	Wednesday before 1st full moon in Sept., 1878, Brush Creek church, Muskingum City, Ohio.
5. Michigan Synod	1858	25	35	3,350	October 6, 1878, Saginaw City, Mich.
6. Augustana Synod (Swedish)	1860	118	289	37,586	June 15, 1878, Princeton, Illinois.
7. Canada Synod	1861	22	51	6,296	Wednesday before full moon in June, 1878, Elmira, Ontario.
8. Texas Synod	1851	28	26	4,002	May 12, 1878, Brenham, Texas.
9. Indiana Synod	1871	15	39	2,076	September 5, 1878, Colburn, Indiana.
10. Holston Synod	1861	13	28	2,500	Thursday before 4th Sunday in Sept., 1878, Sinking Spring, Tenn.
1. German Synod of Iowa	1854	135	210	15,000	——— ——— 1879, ———
2. Norwegian Danish Augustana Synod	1860	15	54	7,500	June 12, 1878, Neenah, Wis.
		743	1,377	197,736	

MINUTES

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St. John's Ev. Luth. Church,
Zanesville, O., October 9th, 1879.

The Twelfth Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, was held in St. John's Church, Zanesville, O., Rev. F. Richards, Pastor. It was opened with Divine Service on Thursday morning, Oct. 9th, 1879. The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. C. P. Krauth, D. D., LL. D., on the text (Amos 7 : 2): "O Lord God, forgive, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small," after which the Holy Communion was administered.

FIRST SESSION.

Thursday, Oct. 9th, 2 P. M.

The first business session was opened by singing hymn 269 of Church Book, and prayer by the President.

It was resolved that until the election of officers Rev. J. C. Petersen, of the Ministerium of N. Y., act as German Secretary, and Rev. H. E. Jacobs, of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, as English Secretary.

The roll of Synods was then called, the certificates of delegates were handed in, and their names entered upon the

Roll of the Council.

I. GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA AND ADJACENT STATES.

MINISTERS	LAYMEN.
Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D.,	L. L. Houpt,
" C. P. Krauth, D. D., LL. D.	Wm. H. Staake, Esq.,
" A. Spaeth, D. D.,	T. H. Diehl,
" G. F. Krotel, D. D.,	H. Lehman,
" H. E. Jacobs, D. D.,	Geo. Reinoehl,
" F. J. F. Schantz,	Wm. F. Hauff,

MINISTERS.	LAYMEN.
" G. A. Hinterleitner,	R. A. Baer,
" F. W. Weiskotten,	C. F. Kopitsch.
" W. Ashmead Schæffer,	

II. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND ADJACENT STATES AND COUNTRIES.

Rev. P. Krug,	W. A. Schmitthenner,
" J. H. Baden,	F. Schack.
" L. König,	
" J. F. Flath,	
" J. C. J. Petersen,	

III. PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Rev. W. F. Ulery,	A. Brabender,
" W. A. Passavant, D. D.,	E. Sæger,
" Prof. H. Gilbert,	J. Miller,
" D. M. Kemerer,	J. Klingensmith,
" J. Sarver,	W. W. Wattles,
" J. B. Fox,	J. S. Walthower.

IV. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

Rev. G. W. Mechling,	Hon. G. W. Overmyer,
" J. Weber,	Geo. Lerch,
" J. F. Fahs,	H. Miller.

V. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN DISTRICT SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.

Rev. S. Klingman.

VI. SCANDINAVIAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN AUGUSTANA SYNOD. (SWEDISH.)

No delegation present.

VII. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CANADA SYNOD.

H. Vandersmissen.

VIII. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF TEXAS.

No delegation present.

IX. INDIANA SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Rev. D. M. Henkel.	N. B. Freeman,
" S. Wagenhals,	Edward Wagner.

X. HOLSTON SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Rev. J. G. Schaidt.

With Privilege of Debate.

I. GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF IOWA.

Rev. Prof. S. Fritschel, D. D.

Other Clergymen Present.

The names of the following visiting clergymen, "who are with this body in the unity of the faith as defined in its Fundamental Principles," were given to the Secretaries:

Rev. J. Snyder,
" B. E. Kemerer,
" H. Peters,
Rev. J. G. Neiffer,
" J. E. Wesner,
" S. H. Swingle.

The Council proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Rev. W. F. Ulery, Hon. G. W. Overmyer, and Mr. N. B. Freeman were appointed tellers.

It was resolved to hold the business sessions from 9 to 12 o'clock in the morning, and from 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

It was resolved that the following committees be appointed by the President: 1. A committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer. 2. A committee on the Minutes of the Last Convention. 3. A committee on the Minutes of District Synods. 4. A committee on the Immigrant Mission, and Emigrant House Association in New York.

The roll of Synods was called, and minutes and documents intended for the action of the Council were handed in.

It was resolved that the report of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions be read at the public service on Friday evening, and that the business of Foreign Missions be the first order for Saturday afternoon.

The discussion of the Theses on Pulpit and Altar Fellowship was made the first order for Saturday morning.

The tellers announced the election of the following

Officers.

President,..... Rev. C. P. Krauth, D. D., LL. D.
German Recording Secretary, Rev. J. C. J. Petersen.
English Recording Secretary, Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D.
English Corresponding Sec'y, Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D.
German Corresponding Sec'y, Rev. G. A. Wenzel.
Swedish Corresponding Sec'y, Rev. J. Telleen.
Treasurer,..... W. H. Staake, Esq.

By the direction of the Council, an abstract of the Treasurer's report was read, and the entire report referred to an auditing committee, upon which the President appointed Messrs. W. A. Schmitthenner, F. Schack, T. H. Diehl, A. Brabender and Geo. Lerch. The committee was authorized to accept as correct the auditing of so much of the report as refers to Foreign Missions, and the *Missions-Bote* account, by a sub-committee of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions.

A resolution which had been adopted fixing the

Constitution for Congregations

as the first order for Friday morning was reconsidered, and the Council proceeded to the consideration of sect. 4, Art. IV., being the point at which the subject was left by the last convention.

It was resolved that the English text, being that in which the Constitution was prepared, be made the standard for discussion and adoption, and that the text of the Constitution in other languages, be made to conform with it.

Paragraph 1, Sec. 4, was adopted. Clause 1, Paragraph 2, Sec. 4, adopted. Pending the consideration of the clause, "He shall allow nothing in the music of the Church in conflict with devotion," adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. Krotel.

SECOND SESSION.

Friday, October 10th, 1879, 9 A. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Prof. H. Gilbert. The minutes were read and approved. The regular order was suspended to hear the

Report of the Auditing Committee.

The Auditing Committee takes leave to report as follows:

1. That they have accepted the Foreign Mission Fund Account and the *Missions-Bote* Account as correct, according to resolution of the Council of October 9th, 1879.

2. That they have examined all the items of the General Expense Account, and compared the vouchers, and have found all correct.

3. That the committee recommend that an abstract of the Treasurer's account be made by the Treasurer, to be published in the Minutes of the Council, instead of a detailed account as in former years.

W. A. Schmitthenner,
Adam Brabender,
T. H. Diehl,
Fred. Schack.

Treasurer's Report.

The following abstract of the Treasurer's account has been made for printing in the Minutes, in accordance with the recommendation of the Auditing Committee.

Account of William H. Staake, Treasurer of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

GENERAL FUND.

DR.

Cash from Ministerium of Pennsylvania for 1877...	$100 00	
" " " " " 1878...	150 00	
" " Pittsburgh Synod for 1878.....	118 00	
" " Ministerium of New York for 1877.....	80 25	
" " " " " for 1878.....	69 61	
" " Texas Synod for 1878.....	7 65	
" " " " for 1879.....	2 50	
" for copy of German Minutes	10	
" sent by Holston Synod in error and returned	10 00	
		$538 11

CR.

Paid balance for printing German Minutes, 1876...	$42 40	
" " " " English Minutes, 1876...	56 03	
" Rev. J. G. Lieb, Texas delegate, one half his expenses to Council.....	52 00	
" for printing English Minutes of 1877.....	137 80	
" " " German Minutes of 1877.....	98 16	
" " " Theses of Dr. Krauth.....	8 00	
" " engraving the seal of the General Council	11 00	
" to Holston Synod.....	10 00	
Balance on hand.....	122 72	
		$538 11

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT.

DR.

Balance on hand October 10, 1877	$1529 73	
Received to October 10, 1878	*6305 86	
Received to October 6, 1879	5168 08	
		$13,003 67

CR.

Credit is claimed for the following disbursemeuts :

Sent to the Missionaries to Oct. 10, 1878	$4068 44	
" " " Oct. 6, 1879	6537 50	
Postal cards, envelopes and printing of same	33 85	
Photographs of the Mission Church and House, to be sold for the benefit of the Mission	62 00	
Maps $7.50, book-binding $22.48, check book $3.50, account and order book $9.50	43 98	
Organ, for use of Mission	155 00	
Private Communion set for Mission	5 00	
Rev. A. B. Carlson, on account of salary...$50 00		
" " " outfit and expenses 953 10		
	1003 60	
Newspapers sent to India Mission	10 74	
Books for Library, sent to Mission	253 58	
Books, Reviews and Papers for Executive Com.	48 99	
Electrotypes for use of Executive Committee	279 84	
Postage, traveling expenses, &c., of Exec. Com.	80 47	
Discounts on Canada money or worthless	3 82	
Monies for other accounts paid to Treasurer and disbursed by him	34 45	
Loaned to the *Missions-Bote* and returned to Treas.	200 46	
Balance on hand	181 95	
		$13003 67

ACCOUNT OF THE MISSIONS-BOTE,

(the mission paper published by the Executive Committee, Rev. F. Wischan, Dr. A. Spaeth, Rev. H. Grahn, Directors.)

DR.

Received for subscriptions during the year 1878	$1159 78	
Received for subscriptions to October 6, 1879	1703 51	
		$2863 29

CR.

Expended for composition, postage, engraving, electrotyping, expressage, &c.	$2660 90	
Balance on hand	202 39	
		$2863 29

* Of this amount $1410.22 and $27.62 interest, together $1437.84, was received from Rev. A. E. Frey, for sending out an additional missionary.

The following amounts were received by the Treasurer and sent by him to the donees named :

Gossner Mission in Berlin	$38 50
Emigranten Haus in New York	178 71
The Orphans' Home at Germantown	96 65
The Mission in Jerusalem	48 15
Hermannsburg Mission	32 00
Müller Waisenhaus in Bethlehem	10 50
Emigranten Haus in Baltimore	5 00
Pilger Mission	16 17
Waisenhaus in Brussa, Klein Asian	19 25
Rühmers, Mahrisch Bohmische Anstalt	2 42
Jew Mission	50
Sufferers by the Flood in Hungary	42 90

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. STAAKE,
Treasurer.

The President announced the following committees:

Committee on the Minutes of the Last Convention: Revs. F. J. F. Schantz, J. H. Baden, and J. F. Fahs, and Messrs. F. Klingensmith, and L. L. Houpt.

Committee on Minutes of District Synods (to give a summary of matters of general interest): Revs. S. Wagenhals, G. W. Mechling, and S. Klingman, and Messrs. T. H. Diehl, A. Brabender, and F. Schack.

Committee on the Immigrant Mission and Emigrant House Association: Revs. A. Spaeth, D. D., W. F. Ulery, and J. Weber, and Messrs. H. Lehman and H. Vandersmissen.

A communication having been received from the General Synod in N. America (General Synod South), was on motion referred to a special committee, upon which the chair appointed Revs. G. F. Krotel, D. D., W. A. Passavant, D. D., and J. G. Schaidt, and Messrs. J. S. Walthower and H. Miller.

It was resolved that a paper handed in by P. Born, of Dayton, O., appealing from a recent decision of the Pittsburgh Synod, be referred to a special committee. Committee: Revs. S. Fritschel, D. D., P. Krug, B. M. Schmucker, D. D., Mr. W. Hauff, and Hon. G. W. Overmyer.

The Council proceeded to the consideration of the special order.

Constitution for Congregations.

The clause "shall allow nothing in the music of the Church in conflict with devotion," was stricken from its present place. "Shall permit no one to occupy the pulpit, of whose soundness in the faith confessed by the Lutheran Church, there is reason to doubt." Adopted. The next clause was amended to read: "Shall carefully give instruction to the young and all others needing it, in the catechism." Adopted.

It was resolved that the German text of the clause "shall watch over the S. School," etc., shall be amended to read *aufsicht führen.*

Pending an amendment to the following clause, the Council adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. F. Flath.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 10th, 1879, 2 P. M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. W. F. Ulery. The minutes were read and approved. The Council resumed the discussion of the

Constitution for Congregations.

The clause, "He shall confirm those who having been duly instructed, give satisfactory evidence that they are earnestly desirous of being faithful followers of Christ," was adopted.

By resolution of the Council, a committee was ordered to formulate for insertion into the Constitution, a suggestion made by Dr. Fritschel concerning instruction, by the Pastor, additional to that provided in the Constitution, as thus far adopted. This committee was constituted by the appointment of Drs. Fritschel, Spaeth and Schmucker.

"He shall baptize publicly, except in special cases, and all private baptisms shall be publicly announced."

Adopted.

The next sentence was adopted, after being amended as follows:

"He shall administer the Lord's Supper to all those of whose desire

to come to it, he has been notified, unless he be satisfied of their unfitness, either as to faith or life, as also, if he shall judge best, to members unable from age or sickness, to come to the House of God.

"He shall be active in the work of a Pastor, most of all among the poor, the sick, the sorrowing, and among all those whose spiritual estate specially demands his care."

Adopted.

"He shall perform the marriage ceremony in strict accordance with the laws of the state and of God."

Adopted.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. Dr. S. Fritschel.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, October 11th, 1879, 9 A. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the English Secretary. The minutes were read and approved. It was resolved that the consideration of the constitution for congregations be resumed on Monday morning. The Council proceeded to the special order for the morning, the discussion of the

Theses on Pulpit and Altar Fellowship.

Theses 3, 4, 5, and 6 were discussed, as follows:

3. "The *fundamental principle* on which rests the accord of the Rule, with the Word and Confessions, is that the pulpits of a pure Christian communion are for those only who have been officially approved by it as preachers, and its altars for those only who have been officially approved by it as communicants, by the tests in each case provided or accepted by this communion, and who are subject to its discipline if they prove unworthy of its privileges. This is the New Testament Rule, and if it be granted that the Evangelical Lutheran Church is a pure Christian communion, the "Galesburg Rule" is identical in principle with it. It is a divine Rule in a historical shape, a generic divine principle reduced to a concrete form and application.

4. The declaration that the Rule accords with the Word of God *and* the Confessions of our Church, implies that the Confessions are in harmony with the Word, and that a Rule which accords with either accords with both.

5. By "*Lutheran pulpits*" are meant any places for the public teaching of the Word, whether they be such permanently, or for the time

being only, for the use of which the Lutheran Church is responsible. The preaching for which the Lutheran Church makes herself responsible should be that of *Lutheran preachers* only, preachers who have been previously tested in a Lutheran vocation, and are subject to Lutheran discipline. The pulpits of Union Churches are Lutheran pulpits only at such times as by the mutual understanding ministers authorized by the Lutheran Church are to occupy them.

6. By "*Lutheran altars*" are meant places, whether public or private, for the administration of the Holy Supper, for the use of which the Lutheran Church is responsible. The admission to the Communion, for which the Lutheran Church makes herself responsible, should be that of Lutheran communicants, prepared, tested, and approved as such, in accordance with Lutheran principles and usages, and subject to Lutheran discipline.

It was resolved that the further consideration of the theses be made the first order after the business of Foreign Missions this afternoon.

The Secretaries were requested to insert in the minutes the theses which had been discussed.

It was resolved to employ, at the next convention, a German and an English stenographer, and the Secretaries were charged with the duty of making such provision.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. W. Mechling.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, October 11th, 1879, 2 P. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. Spaeth. The minutes were read and approved.

The Council proceeded to the First Order for the afternoon, the subject of

Foreign Missions.

Biennial Report of the Committee for Foreign Missions, for the years, October, 1877—October, 1879.

Since the last meeting of the General Council, the Committee have usually met on the last Monday in each month, except in midsummer. Nineteen meetings have been held. The arrangements which they have made for the constant publication and wide circulation of all matters concerning the Mission, have been so much more effective than in former years, that there is no necessity for presenting in this report the extended selections from the correspondence of the Mis-

sionaries which they have heretofore given in the reports to the Council.

It will suffice to present a general survey of the chief events and proceedings of these two years past.

DER MISSIONSBOTE.

At the meeting of the Council in 1875, at Galesburg, the Committee for Foreign Missions warmly commended to the General Council the "*Evang. Lutherische Missionsblatt,*" and instructed the Missionaries to send reports of missionary labors in their field to this paper. The friendly relation which the *Missionsblatt* at first held to our Telugu Mission soon changed to one of indifference and even of unfriendliness. Your Committee had therefore no means of communication by which the connection between the Telugu Mission and our congregations could be maintained in vigorous life. The Committee was thus constrained to consider the question of establishing an organ by which the wants and claims of our Telugu Mission could find adequate expression, and our congregations be interested in its behalf.

At its last meeting in Philadelphia, the General Council appointed a Committee to consider and determine on the propriety of publishing one or more missionary journals. By the advice of this Committee, your Committee for Foreign Missions, after much hesitation, decided to establish an organ for its own missionary work. Rev. F. Wischan was appointed Editor, and Revs. A. Spaeth, D. D., and H. Grahn, Associate Editors; and in the first week of January, 1878, appeared the first number of the *Missionsbote,* the organ of our Telugu Mission. The list of subscribers, which at first was only 2,000, grew during the year to be 8,000, and has now become nearly 13,000.

It is greatly to be desired that all Pastors and Congregations, connected with this body, should attain the clear conviction that the *Missions-bote* is the only organ which, in the German language, represents our Telugu Mission, and serves it in such wise that every cent of profit goes into the missionary treasury. A special report of the Treasurer will present to you the financial condition of the *Missions-bote.*

For the publication in English of the necessary information about our Mission we are indebted to the editors and publishers of *The Lutheran aud Missionary, The Church Messenger,* and *The Busy Bee;* in the *Lutheran* all communications presented are published, in the *Church Messenger* to the full extent its space allows, covering all more important articles, and in the *Busy Bee,* one article of about a column in length each month.

MISSIONARIES SCHMIDT AND POULSEN.

The health of these older Missionaries has been seriously impaired by the climate. Bro. Schmidt arrived at the Mission Aug. 4, 1870,

Bro. Poulsen Jan. 22, 1871. Year by year they have been more and more overcome. During last year both of them endured sore trial of sickness. In the summer Bro. Poulsen suffered so as to be urgently advised and ordered by his physician either to return home, or go to the hills. In obedience to this instruction he sought relief by a visit to Madras and Vellore. He was absent from October 8th till Christmas. During December last Bro. Schmidt was brought nigh to death in the absence of Bro. Poulsen and before the arrival of another missionary. He was barely able to take part in the solemn and important services of Christmas. He was also ordered home, but like Bro. Poulsen was unwilling to leave our Mission until others were ready to take his place. So soon as the hot season came he left, March 19, for the Nilighiri Mountains. It will soon become an absolute necessity that these brethren be allowed to return for at least a year, or their lives will be sacrificed. In July of this year Bro. Poulsen has again been seriously ill, and at last advices in August was again able to be out of bed.

During Bro. Poulsen's visit at Vellore, about 80 miles from Madras, where Mrs. Poulsen's sister, wife of Rev. E. Lorwenthal, resides, he witnessed a most promising work which has opened among some resident groups of artificers. From these men the religious interest spread to their fellow craftsmen at Madras, and Bro. Poulsen was urged to remain and labor among them. It did not however appear to us right to consent to any withdrawal of labor from a field on which we had entered and which had such urgent claims upon us. Before our answer could be returned to the proposal, the urgent need of his presence at Rajahmundry called him back.

Bro. Schmidt when forced to seek restoral of health voyaged down the coast to Corimbatore, at the foot of the Nilighiris, where he was hospitably entertained by the Leipzig missionary, Sandgreen. He then journeyed inland and upward to Utacumand, at an elevation of 8000 feet, with a temperature of 60 to 65 degrees. Here he tarried with his family during April and May. The months of June and July were spent at Bangalore, a less elevated but very healthful place. Here he met and labored with a commission of twelve missionaries in the revision of the translation of the Bible into Telugu. During a week of this time a Missionary Conference met there, to which all Missionaries in Southern India were invited, 120 of whom were present. It afforded the opportunity to learn much of the experience of those who were engaged in the same work. On Sunday Bro. Schmidt and the Leipzig Missionaries had German services and communion in the church of the Leipzig Mission. Twenty years had passed since the last Conference was held, and its reports will doubtless be of interest.

After leaving Bangalore, Bro. Schmidt made a brief visit to the Basel Mission on the west coast, chiefly to examine their industrial

schools which have attracted much attention. He was again in Madras, Aug. 19, on his way home to re-enter with renewed strength on the work of our Mission.

SENDING OUT OF REV. A. B. CARLSON.

After long waiting, our hearts were made glad by the willingness of Mr. A. B. Carlson, a student in the Theol. Seminary at Philadelphia to go out as missionary. Mr. Carlson was born in Sweden and, removing to this country, was educated for the ministry chiefly at the Institution of the Augustana Synod. In order to complete his theological studies, and especially to master the English language, he attended the Philadelphia Seminary. Having manifested a warm interest in the work of our Mission, he was called by your Committee to become a Missionary among the Telugus in the service of the General Council. He accepted and, having been in connection with the Augustana Synod, applied to that body to be ordained as Missionary to the heathen. He was ordained in June, 1878, and on the 24th of the same month, at a solemn service held in Zion's Church, Philadelphia, he was commissioned and sent forth to his work. He sailed June 24th, from New York, in the Utopia, for England, where he landed July 8th, at Southampton. After a sojourn of a few days, he went to visit once more his mother in Sweden, and to invoke her blessing on his consecration of himself to the Gospel ministry among the heathen. He then visited our dear Bro. and former Missionary, Grönning, and proceeded by Egypt and Suez to India. He arrived safely at Madras Jan. 14, 1879, and at Rajahmundry on the 23d. Bro. Schmidt met him with the boat at Cownada, and was deeply moved, as were all of the members of our mission households, that now at last, after eight years waiting, and hoping almost against hope, one more laborer was sent. Before leaving Philadelphia, Bro. Carlson was united in marriage, and his wife accompanied him. Since his arrival, Bro. Carlson, though chiefly occupied in the acquisition of the language has conducted English services at Rajahmundry and visited divers portions of the field in company with one of the native pastors.

ADDITIONAL MISSIONARIES.

The hope was entertained that at least one other Missionary would be sent out with Bro. Carlson. A call was extended to two Swedish Pastors in succession, of whose acceptance strong hopes were entertained. They were both willing and disposed to accept, but obstacles, which for the time seemed insurmountable, intervened and our hopes were disappointed. We have no definite knowledge now of any others who seriously desire to go as Missionaries. We would gladly extend a call to worthy earnest devoted men, and have no doubt that support would freely be given if the men were found.

ORDINATION OF NATIVE CATECHISTS.

The two Catechists, T. Joseph and N. Paulus, were baptized at Guntur, Joseph by Bro. Grönning, Paulus probably by Father Heyer, and were taken by Bro. Grönning to Rajahmundry in 1862 and employed as Catechists. They have been in the service of the Mission ever since. When there was no European or American Missionary there they continued faithfully in charge of the work, and on Father Heyer's return in 1869, they welcomed him, and offered the candidates whom they had prepared for baptism. All the Missionaries Heyer, Grönning, Schmidt and Poulsen had testified to their worthiness for ordination and recommended it.

In March last the Missionaries sent an urgent appeal for the ordination of these two Catechists with full statement of the reasons for such a step. Your committee applied to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania to authorize Revs. Schmidt and Poulsen to ordain them. The Ministerium after receiving the testimony presented it, ordered their ordination and authorized its officers to sign and transmit Certificates of Ordination. On Christmas, 1878, they were ordained at Rajahmundry. This addition to the number of ordained Missionaries led to the formation of the

RAJAHMUNDRY MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

One meeting was held before the arrival of Bro. Poulsen from Madras and the ordination, in order to communicate the proposed action to the Catechists, and was therefore preliminary in character. The presence in our Mission of five ordained Ministers, and the formation of this Conference is of such interest that we insert here the Protocol of the first meetings of the Conference

First Meeting, Dec. 1, 1878. Present: Rev. H. C. Schmidt and Catechists N. Paulus and T. Joseph.

1. Read proceedings of the session of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania at Easton, on June 18, 1878.

2. Read the following extracts from the transactions between the Committee of the General Council for Foreign Missions and their Missionaries at Rajahmundry:

a. The end in view of every mission is the establishment of independent Native Churches with Native Pastors.

b. In case of the ordination of Joseph and Paulus, the General Council promises to pay also in future their salary of 20 Rs per month and traveling expenses.

c. They take their abode in a central village and become Pastors of a number of Christian villages around, where they should try to develop an independent ministry. A district is assigned to them for this special evangelical work among the heathen. They could accompany the Missionaries on longer mission tours.

d. The Foreign Missionaries should remain Superintendents of these congregations, but regard the Native Ministers as fellow pastors, who with them are members of the General Council of the Lutheran Church in America.

e. With regard to money matters from foreign sources, the Foreign Missionaries remain the only Agents, but with regard to moneys collected in their own congregations, the Native Pastors have equal votes with the Foreign Missionaries.

f. As soon as a third Missionary arrives Church Government may be vested in a Conference or Synod.

3. Joseph and Paulus expressed that they gladly accepted the call to the ministry extended to them by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and said that they had long been wishing and praying for the establishment of a Native Ministry.

They asked for an increase of salary, but added that they did not make this a condition of their acceptance of the call to the Ministry.

Second Meeting, Dec. 26, 1878. Present: Revs. H. C. Schmidt, I. K. Poulsen, P. Joseph and N. Paulus.

1. Resolved to request the mission committee to raise the salary of the Native Pastors to 25 Rs. per month with 5 Annas daily traveling expenses, when beyond 6 miles from their station.

2. Resolved that a fee of 2 Rs. annually in advance shall be levied for each seat in the Church in Rajahmundry. Those who do not pay this fee are allowed to sit on the mat.

At a third meeting, held Dec. 29, an extended series of charges, fees and so forth, were established with a view to teach the native congregations to become self-supporting. Fees for registration of baptism, marriage and for burial, to be added to the Minister's salary. Other fees for maintenance of buildings.

Fourth Meeting, Feb. 3, 1879. Present: Revs. Schmidt, Poulsen, Carlson, Paulus and Joseph. Rev, H. C. Schmidt was elected President and Secretary and Rev. I. K. Poulsen, Treasurer for one year.

May this Conference grow in numbers and influence for good for many years.

The committee have had serious doubts about the wisdom of the proposed system of changes, and have submitted to the Conference the reasons why we believe that the encouragement of the native Christians to voluntary systematic contributions would be better, and they have desired the Conference not to put the system in force until it be more fully considered.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, RAJAHMUNDRY.

The new Church, the funds to erect which were specially contributed, has been completed, and on Christmas 1878 it was consecrated. Its length, inclusive of the tower, is 70 feet, the nave is 20 by 60 feet,

the cross nave 25 by 40. Two school-rooms are attached to it at the ends of the north side. It is built of brick and covered with tiles; both bricks and tiles were made under the direction of Bro. Schmidt, and their manufacture gave employment to the Christian natives. A photograph taken by Br. Schmidt has been carefully reproduced, and is offered for sale by the German Secretary. Another photograph of the Mission House is offered as a companion picture. Any profits arising from their sale is paid to the mission.

CHRISTMAS DAY, 1878.

The festival of Christmas, 1878, was a day of great rejoicing to our Christians throughout the whole mission field, as well as to all friends of the work. On that day the new Church was consecrated, the native Catechists were ordained to the office of the ministry and the new Missionary with his wife were also expected to be present. Unexpected delays prevented the Carlsons from arriving until after Christmas, but they were known to be well on their way. The Poulsens arrived in time, and Bro. Schmidt was sufficiently recovered from his illness to take part in the services. About 200 persons dined on Christmas eve under a canopy of palm leaves, the dinner as usual at Christmas having been furnished by the kindness of the English Judge. In the evening a Christmas tree lighted by 96 candles was surrounded by 100 children, each of whom received gifts provided by kind friends.

At 8 A. M., on Christmas Day began the first service in the new Church and the consecration took place. More than 200 Christians were present, and many heathen were gathered about the doors and windows. Mis. Poulsen preached in Telugu and Mis. Schmidt in English. Joseph and Paulus were then ordained. They had on white gowns, Bros. Schmidt and Poulsen wore the black gown. Bro. Poulsen made an address to the candidates, and Bro. Schmidt asked the needful questions before ordination. Then they knelt down and were ordained by the laying on of the hands of the Missionaries. Great joy pervaded the assemblage of Christians, among whom these men had faithfully labored as teachers and Catechists for 16 years.

The Lord's Supper was then administered, the new Ministers, having first received, assisted in the distribution. After the service the Christians assembled again at dinner.

This Christmas Day, so long looked for with anxious hope, will be remembered hereafter as a day of eminent interest in the history of our mission.

Before leaving Philadelphia, Bro. Carlson secured some moneys for the purchase of a reed organ, manufactured expressly for use in tropical climates, which was sent out, and although injured during the voyage, has been repaired and is now in use in the new church. The entire costs of purchase, transport and repair have been covered by

special gifts. A beautiful communion service was also presented, and a bell was sent from Schleswig.

ENGLISH SERVICES AT RAJAHMUNDRY.

An English service has been begun, at which the English residents attend, and which also attracts some of the more educated Telugus, there being now no other English service in the place.

SCHOLARS SUPPORTED BY SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The absence of Bro. Schmidt, and the serious illness of Bro. Poulsen when the reports were made out for this meeting of the Council, prevented any later records from being received, but from the annual accounts closed January last, we present the following information:

A number of our Sunday-schools have for some years past contributed the amount necessary for the support of scholars during their preparation to become teachers or catechists. In the earlier years, while attending the mission-school, the cost of support of a scholar does not exceed thirty dollars; but during the later period of more advanced study, when attending the Government higher schools the amount needed, is forty-five or fifty dollars. The accounts for the last year show that the following scholars have been supported: At the higher schools and at the larger cost: James, Rev. J. B. Fox; William, Sunday-school at Wilmington, Del., Rev. P. Isenschmidt; Paradazy, St. Johannis, Phila., Rev. Dr. Spaeth; Charles and John, St. Paul's, Phila., Rev. F. Wischan. At the Mission School: Isaac, St. John's, Charleston S.C., Rev. E. T. Horn; Andrew, St. James', Reading, Rev. Dr. Schmucker; Peter, Zion's, Rochester, N. Y., Rev. W. Hoppe; Lazarus, St. Peter's, N. Y., Rev. Dr. Moldehnke; John, Trinity, Reading, Rev. Dr Fry; Cornelius, St. Michael's, Germantown, Rev. F. A. Kaehler.

This list shows some occasion for disappointment, as some schools which have desired to support a scholar have none assigned. We have urged the missionaries to assign scholars as soon as suitable ones can be selected. One has contributed a larger amount, while one of the scholars at the mission school is assigned. But all those in the higher schools were supported during the previous years by the schools to which they are assigned, and it would have been unjust to make a change. But those at the lower schools will, if they prove worthy, be gradually advanced. We hope our schools will continue the generous aid.

CHURCH BOOK IN TELUGU.

The publication in Telugu of the Morning and Communion Service, the necessary Orders for Ministerial Acts, and a collection of Hymns, has been delayed by two causes, to wit: the present uncertainty of many important biblical terms in Telugu, and the lack of established

Orders for Ministerial Acts. It is believed that the labors of the Bible Revision Committee, of which Bro. Schmidt, is a member have now advanced far enough to enable the needful terms to be decided. Your committee applied to Pastor Harms for permission to obtain and use the translation of the Orders for Baptism, etc., by the Hermannsburg Missionaries from the Lüneburg Kirchenordnung. This permission was cheerfully granted, and our Missionaries have been instructed to apply to Probst Mylius to procure a copy. They have been desired to proceed without avoidable delay with the publication.

LIBRARY FOR THE MISSION.

As it was necessary to send out Church Books, Sunday School Books and Catechisms, and the space allowed by the steamers for the smallest package accepted, was not nearly filled, the committee decided to purchase a number of valuable theological works for the establishment of a small library for the use of the Mission. The works are chiefly apologetical, and books of reference. The selection was made with the advice of the President of the Council, Dogmatic Professor in the Seminary at Philadelphia.

SCHOOLS OF HIGHER GRADE.

We are deeply impressed with the importance of elevating the grade of our provision for instruction. The schools at present are entirely Telugu and furnish no means of completing the training of teachers and catechists. This has to be done by the use of the Government schools where all Christian instruction is excluded. We cannot hope to obtain proper teachers from other Missions to meet our wants, and we have no satisfactory means of training them. But our present force will not allow this work to be done. The first necessity in the case is more laborers. If good teachers could be found to go out, the want might be partially met. The Conference has proposed the re-occupation of Samulcotta as a place well adapted for such advanced school, there being no Government school. But the absence of a congregation of Christians there, makes us doubt whether the step is advisable until our number of laborers is larger.

STATISTICS.

We have endeavored to procure fuller statistics than have been furnished, and regret that the lack of such records for some years past, does not allow of a comparison which would show the increase more exactly. There were 38 baptisms in 1877, in 1878 there is no report, in 1879, until August, Joseph had baptized 30; from the rest there is no full report, except that Paulus mentions the baptism of 17, being at least 47 thus far this year.

The following statement shows the number in the mission in August, 1879:

	Baptized Christians	Communicants	Scholars, Male	Scholars, Female
Rajahmundry and Dowlaishwaram	86	44	27	18
Paulus' Charge, Velepore, H. Alfred, Teacher	34	20	3	6
" " Mallipudi, E. Johan, "	10	4	5	1
" " Battamuggulur, K. Bukasum, Teac.			17	5
" " Jaganadapuram, C. Matthew, "	20	11	3	3
" " Mahadenipatam, N. Stephen, "	14	6	6	
" " Agartipalem	18	6		
Total	96	47	34	15
Joseph's Charge, Jagurupad, Rev. Joseph, Teacher	74	36	6	6
" " Muramunda, M. William, "	44	28	7	
" " Paravarum, B. John, "	24	12		3
" " Lollah	10	4		
Total	152	80	13	9
Total for the Mission	334	171	74	42

The school at Rajahmundry, has an admirable teacher Rahnam, of whose persecution on account of becoming a Christian, an account was recently given in our papers.

MISSIONARY CARLSON'S COMMUNICATION.

In sending the reports of the native ministers, in the absence of Bro. Schmidt, and Bro. Poulsen being sick, Bro. Carlson sends a communication, addressed to the Council, in which he presents the causes for joy, for sorrow and for hope, which have presented themselves to him. They are well worthy our consideration. It is of date Aug. 15, 1879. We propose that it be read before the Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.

1. The Committee desire to urge upon the attention of the General Council and through it on the pastors and members of all our congregations connected with it, THE IMPERATIVE NECESSITY OF SENDING MORE MISSIONARIES TO INDIA. We have now had charge of this field since November, 1869, and in this time five missionaries have been sent out. Father Heyer who went out to set things in order was not expected to stay long. Bro. Becker died a few months after his arrival, so that after the first year we have had no more than two missionaries present until January in this year, and all three of our young missionaries were furnished and educated by our churches in Schles-

wig and Denmark. Bro. Carlson was also born in Sweden. The churches of the General Council have not yet furnished one missionary, born and educated here. This is surely an occasion for shame and repentance.

And the demands of the work in India are most urgent. Bros. Schmidt and Poulsen should now be relieved for a year or more. If we delay much longer in affording them relief, their lives will be sacrificed. It may be heroic in them to stand immovably at their posts though they die, but it is shameful and sinful in us to fail to relieve them. Our schools need to be elevated so as to furnish full training for teachers, catechists and future ministers. Unless this be done we cannot enlarge our work or even maintain vigorous life in it; and this cannot be done without more men sent out for the purpose. All around our mission, too, the people, losing faith in their old gods, begin to be more interested in Christianity. Had we teachers, schools might be established in almost any number of villages. The people, or many of them, invite our schools. And shall we be so little moved? Our Lord has charged us with this works and the neglect of it brings heavy burden of sin.

The sending out of more men and bringing home for a season our failing missionaries involves increased expense, but we are persuaded that whatever amount is needed will be furnished by our people, if the necessity be fairly brought before them. It is only necessary that the subject should receive due attention at meetings of Council, Synod and Conference, and be regularly presented by the pastors to the congregations.

2. The committee recommend that the General Council urge on all the Synods connected with it to provide for the consideration at their annual meetings of the subject of Foreign Missions, and for the presentation of its claims in all the congregations at stated times.

3. The committee have requested the President of the Council, with the consent of the pastor, to set apart an evening, during this meeting for a missionary service.

Your committee would suggest the propriety of the addition to the committee for Foreign Missions of some representation of the Scandinavian Churches.

Expenditures in India for 1877.

1. Account of Rev. H. C. Schmidt.

	Rupees	Annas	Pice
Taxes for house and land	21	3	10
Repairs of house	55	12	0
Purchase of land	100	0	0
N. Paulus' salary	240	0	0
N. Paulus' traveling expenses	14	8	0
Rev. Schmidt's traveling expenses	100	0	0

	Rupees	Annas	Pice
Work by famine sufferers	39	14	0
Postage	9	8	0
Boat expenses	69	12	9
Fence	34	2	0
Support of ten scholars	555	0	0
Salaries and traveling expenses of teachers	513	10	4
School House at Velepore	37	0	0
	1790	6	7

2. Account of Rev. I. K. Poulsen.

T. Joseph's salary	240	0	0
Salary of four teachers	212	0	0
Traveling expenses, Rev. Poulsen	100	0	0
Traveling expenses, Joseph and teachers	17	3	0
Repairs of house	52	11	11
Repairs of School, Muramunda	2	0	0
School house Peruvaram	19	13	0
Tax on house, Samulcotta		12	3
Postage	5	6	0
	649	14	2

3. School Account.

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS. SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	Rupees
Major C. Porteous (3 months)	15
Major C. Morris (6 months)	35
Dr. J. Bilderbeck	60
Capt. C. Taylor	48
Judge F. Brandt	120
Collector J. Kelsall	120
Major T. H. Stolon (2 months)	8
Mrs. J. D. Bilderbeck (9 months)	18
Total	424

4. General Account.

RECEIPTS.

From Treasurer, Bills of Exchange	$4,000
Subscriptions for schools	212
Rent of house, Samulcotta	60
Through Rev. C. W. Grönning	125
	$4,397

EXPENDITURES.

Salary of Rev. H. C. Schmidt	$1,000
Salary of Rev. I. K. Poulson	1,000
Expenses as in account of Rev. Schmidt	896
Expenses as in account of Rev. Poulsen	325

Deficit on both accounts from 1876	522
Toward church building	600
Total expenditures	$4,343
Total receipts	4,397
Deficit, Jan. 1878	$54

Expenditures in India for 1878.

1. Account of Rev. H. C. Schmidt.

	Rupees	Annas	Pice
Tax on house and land	21	15	13
Repairs and enlargement of house to receive Rev. Carlson	247	7	0
N. Paulus, salary	240	0	0
N. Paulus, traveling expenses	10	15	6
Rev. Schmidt, traveling expenses	41	0	0
Postage, etc	11	0	0
Boat expenses	101	5	0
Gate to mission grounds	26	0	0
Repairs of well	22	8	0
Crochet work purchased	22	5	0
Support of eleven scholars	675	0	0
Salaries of eleven teachers	526	7	6
	1946	0	1

2. Account of Rev. I. K. Poulsen.

Tax on house, 1877, 1878	30	0	0
Repairs of house	57	15	8
T. Joseph's salary	240	0	0
T. Joseph's traveling expenses and that of teachers	17	0	0
Salaries of three teachers	219	0	0
Rev. Poulsen, traveling expenses	27	0	0
Rev. Poulsen, trip to Madras	400	0	0
Rev. Poulsen, house rent at Madras	30	0	0
Postage, etc	4	7	6
School, Muramunda, repairs	13	14	0
	1039	5	2

3. School Account.

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS. SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	Rupees
Judge F. Brandt, (3 months)	30
Collector J. Kelsall (4 months)	40
Mr. E. P. Metcalf	24
Mr. J. B. Bilderbeck (2 months)	4
Dr. J. Bilderbeck	60
Capt. C. Taylor	48
Major C. Morris (9 months)	45
Total	251

4. General Account.

RECEIPTS.

From Treasurer, Bills of Exchange	$4,000
Subscriptions for schools	126
	$4,126

EXPENDITURES.

Salary of Rev. H. C. Schmidt	$1,000
Salary of Rev. I. K. Poulsen	1,000
Expenses for account of Rev. Schmidt	973
Expenses for account of Rev. Poulsen	520
Toward church building	200
Deficit Jan. 1878	54
Total expenditures	3,747
Total receipts	4,126
Balance Jan. 1879	$379

Mission Papers.

Resolved, That the Council heartily approve of the publication of the *Missions-Bote*, and its thanks be returned to Revs. Dr. Spaeth and H. Grahn, the associate editors, and especially to Rev. F. Wischan, the chief editor, for the great fidelity to the interests of our Foreign Mission work, with which the paper has been conducted.

Resolved, That the *Missions-Bote* be urgently recommended to our congregations, and that their especial attention be called to the fact, that it is the only paper which gives, in the German language, ample information concerning our Telugu mission.

Resolved, That in case they deem it advisable, the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions, be instructed to publish an English mission paper, similar to the German paper.

Recommendations of the Committee.

In order to afford time for formulating a resolution accurately expressing the sense of the Council on the first recommendation of the committee, action upon it was deferred.

The second recommendation was adopted.

The third recommendation had already been adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Philadelphia was chosen as the geographical centre, with reference to which the Executive Committee for Foreign Missions, to be elected, should be constituted.

Election of Committee.

It was resolved that, Rev. Drs. A. Spaeth and B. M. Schmucker, Revs. H. Grahn, F. Wischan, S. Laird and W. Ashmead Schæffer, and a Swedish pastor in or near Philadelphia, to be selected by the committee, and Messrs. J. C. File, W. H. Staake and L. Westergaard be the committee, and that they have the power to fill vacancies, and to enlarge their number.

The time of adjournment having been extended ten minutes, it was resolved to resume the discussion of the Theses on Pulpit and Altar Fellowship, on Tuesday morning.

The committee on the Minutes of the Last Convention presented its report, which, on motion, was made the special order for Monday afternoon.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. L. Koenig.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY, October 13th, 9 A. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. Ashmead Schæffer. The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved. The regular order was suspended, to resume the consideration of the first recommendation of the report of the Executive Committee on

Foreign Missions.

Resolved, That we have listened with great pleasure and deep interest to the report of our Executive Committee on Foreign Missions.

Resolved, That inasmuch as our Telugu mission greatly needs more laborers, and believing that it is the imperative duty of this General Council, to provide for this need, we as pastors and delegates, earnestly praying to the Lord to send more laborers into his field, will work diligently in our synods, congregations, sunday-schools, and families, to awaken a deeper interest in the great work of Foreign Missions.

Constitution for Congregations.

The Constitution for Congregations, (Art. iv., Sec. 4), being again before Council, "Shall use the burial service for the dead who die in the fellowship of the Church," was adopted.

The succeeding clause was amended and adopted as follows: "shall earnestly urge and carry out the discipline, as defined in Art. viii." The remainder of the section was adopted, as follows: "shall promote all wise plans of Christian beneficence and effort; and shall labor to prevent all deadness and fanaticism, all schism, heresy, separation and alienation in the congregation." The section was then adopted as a whole.

The Council proceeded to the consideration of Section 5. Pending an amendment on the first paragraph, the Council adjourned with prayer by Rev. Prof. H. Gilbert.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Monday, October 13th, 2 P. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. F. J. F. Schantz. The minutes were read and approved.

The order for the afternoon was taken up.

Report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Last Convention.

Your committee on the Minutes of the last convention of the General Council, would respectfully report that they have examined the same and found the following items, that should claim the attention of the Council at this session:

1. The District Synods were urged to support the Immigrant Mission more vigorously with their contributions. Page 21.

2. The Immigrant Mission committee was instructed to settle the claims of Mr. Neumann as promptly as possible. Page 21.

4. The Foreign Mission committee was instructed to demand and secure from Rev. A. E. Frey, editor of the *Missions-blatt*, the payment at once to the Treasurer of the General Council of all moneys in his hands belonging to or intended for Foreign Missions or Missionaries. Page 45.

4. The committee on the preparation of the Constitution for District Synods was instructed to complete it as speedily as possible. Page 55.

5. The committee on Relief Associations reported progress and was continued. Page 57.

6. Rev. Dr. Seiss was elected visitor to the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod of North America. Page 57.

7. The President reported that a seal for the General Council had not

yet been prepared. The committee was continued with instructions to attend to the duty assigned it. Page 57.

8. Action on the declinature of Rev. Prof. H. E. Jacobs, of the Professorship of the Chicago Theological Seminary was postponed. Page 57.

9. A committee was appointed to consider and report at this meeting, on the propriety of annually observing a day of fasting and prayer, throughout the Church. Page 60.

10. The Treasurer of the Council was requested to write to the Treasurers of those Synods, which have not paid their quota into the General Fund and request them to do so. Page 60.

F. J. F. SCHANTZ, J. KLINGENSMITH.
J. H. BADEN, LEWIS L. HOUPT.

Items 1 and 2 deferred until the report of Committee on Immigrant Mission would be heard.

Item 3. The Executive Committee on Foreign Missions reported that the money had been fully paid.

Item 4. Committee reported progress and was continued.

Item 5. Committee on Relief Association reported that they had agreed upon a plan, which is ready for publication. The committee was continued.

Item 6. No report was presented.

Item 7. The committee presented the following report:

Seal of the General Council.

The preparation of a seal for the General Council was intrusted to a sub-committe, consisting of the President and Treasurer of the Council. They have attended to the duty assigned them. The seal has been engraved in the best style, by Mr. M. L. Frederick, of Philadelphia. The device represents at its base the open Bible, on the Old Testament side of which are noted the texts, Genesis, 1 : 3: "God said: Let there be light and there was light," Isaiah 9 : 2 : "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light ; they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined."

On the New Testament side the texts noted are Matthew, 4 : 16 : "The people which sat in darkness saw great light, and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death, light is sprung up," and John 1 : 4–9: "In Him was light, and the light was the light of men," and the words following to v. : 9 : "That was the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

The Bible as shining with the light of its witness to our God and Saviour, to dispel the darkness of the world, is regarded on the device as the sun, whose rays are refracted in the seven arches of the rainbow.

These arches are made to correspond 1, to the Apostles Creed; 2 the Nicene Creed; 3 the Athanasian creed; 4 the Augsburg Confession and the Apology; 5 the Smalcald Articles; 6 the Large and Small Catechisms, and 7 the Formula of Concord.

These seven forms of Confession widen from the point nearest the Word, so as to indicate the amplifying of the testimony. They are represented as rainbow arches to mark their relation to the Word which is the supreme rule and source of the truth which they reflect and on which they depend. Beneath is indicated the continent of North America on the clouds over which the rainbow rests. The legend of the seal is *Sigillum Concilii Ecclesiæ Evangelicæ Lutheranæ in America septentrionali*—the seal of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America. All the inscriptions are in Latin. Your committee would suggest that it would be well to determine who shall have the custodianship of the seal and the responsibility for its use as directed by the Council.

C. P. KRAUTH,
W. H. STAAKE.

The report was received and adopted. It was resolved that the President of the General Council have the custodianship of the seal.

The Chicago Seminary.

Item 8. Action deferred until the report of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Theological Seminary. No report made.

Day of Fasting and Prayer.

In answer to item 9, the committee presented the following:

Being convinced that the general keeping of a day of fasting and prayer throughout the Synods and congregations of our General Council, would be a source of great blessing, your committee move that the last Sunday of the Church year be proposed for such a day, and that our District Synods be requested to unite on this day.

G. A. HINTERLEITNER,
C. P. KRAUTH,
A. SPAETH.

The report was received.

Resolved, 1. That a day of fasting and prayer be kept.

Resolved, 2. That the further consideration of the subject be postponed until the next meeting of the General Council.

Item 10. The treasurer reported that he had attended to this duty.

The report on the Minutes of the Last Convention was then adopted as a whole.

The committee on correspondence with the

General Synod of North America

presented the following report:

The document placed in the hands of your committee, was a communication from Rev. J. Hawkins who was appointed by the General Synod South, as a fraternal visitor to this body. Being unable to meet with us he has written a friendly letter. In reference to which we recommend the following:

1. *Resolved,* That while we greatly regret that circumstances have prevented the presence of the fraternal visitor appointed by the General Synod South, we are most happy to receive the communication in which he has given expression to the kind feelings for the General Council, entertained by himself and the honorable body which he represents.

2. *Resolved,* That we cordially reciprocate the expression of friendly regard, and desire to give further expression to the same, by the appointment of Rev. C. P. Krauth, D. D., LL. D., the President of this body, visitor to the next convention of the General Synod South.

3. *Resolved,* That the inquiry of the General Synod South in regard to our co-operation with them in the preparation of a Service Book, be referred to the Church Book Committee, with authority to take such steps in the matter as may seem best to them.

G. F. KROTEL,
W. A. PASSAVANT,
J. G. SCHAIDT.

Resolution 1. Adopted.

2. Amended and adopted. Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D., was appointed alternate.

3. Deferred until the presentation of the report on the Church Book.

Report of Committee on the Immigrant Mission, and Emigrant House Association.

The papers placed in the hands of your committee are the reports of our Immigrant Mission Committee for the past two years, and the Treasurer's report of the Lutheran Emigrant House Association in New York, from April 1st, 1877, to April 1st, 1878, and from April 1st, 1878, to April 1st, 1879.

The Treasurer of the Immigrant Mission reports from October 1st, 1877, to October 1st, 1879, a total income of $1,806.90, and an expenditure of $1,799.28, leaving a balance of $7.62 in the hands of the Treasurer.

The Emigrant House Association report, from April 1st, 1877, to April 1st, 1878, an income of $4,641.86, and an expenditure of $4,-605.90; and an income from April 1st, 1878, to April 1st, 1879, of $8,902.26, and an expenditure of $8,568.22.

We are gratified to see from these reports that notwithstanding the many difficulties with which it has to contend, the important work of our Immigrant Mission continues to be a great blessing to the members of our Church. The missionary and the committee are steadfast and hopeful in the midst of many discouragements.

At the request of the committee, we respectfully recommend to this body the following action:

1. That this General Council, through its District Synods, should urge the pastors to awaken and keep up in their respective congregations a lively interest in the Immigrant Mission.

2. That in consideration of the large number of poor persons thrown on the hands of our missions, our people ought to be encouraged to contribute towards the support of the mission.

3. With reference to the Emigrant House in New York, it is very desirable that our people should be more widely and fully informed of the existence of such a house, and of the great advantages it offers to travelers to and from Europe, and that they should avail themselves of the advantages offered by that institution.

A. Spaeth,
W. F. Ulery,
J. Weber,
H. Lehman,
H. Vandersmissen.

Received and adopted.

[For the report of the Missionary, see Appendix.]

Time and Place of Next Convention.

It was resolved that when the present convention of the General Council adjourn, it adjourn to meet on the third Thursday of October 1880.

An invitation having been received from Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greensburg, Westmoreland co., Pa., Rev. W. F. Ulery, pastor, it was unanimously accepted.

Confirmation and Adult Baptism.

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Schmucker be appointed a committee to prepare for the next meeting of the General Council a paper setting forth the true relation of Confirmation to Adult Baptism, and the principles involved in the determination of the proper liturgical forms for these ministerial acts.

Secret Societies.

Resolved, That the attention of the Church be again directed to the principles, with reference to secret societies, adopted by the Council at Pittsburgh, and that the Synods connected with the Council be especially urged to take measures to prevent membership in any society, disapproved in that action, of any pastor connected with it.

Resolved, That the action at Pittsburgh be re-published in the minutes.

Action of the Second Convention of the General Council, 1868.

1. Though mere secresy in association be not in itself immoral, yet as it is so easily susceptible of abuse, and in its abuse may work, as it has often worked, great mischief in Family, Church and State, we earnestly beseech all good men to ponder the question whether the benefits they believe to be connected with secret societies might not be equally reached in modes not liable to the same abuse.

2. Any and all societies for moral and religious ends which do not rest on the supreme authority of God's Holy Word, as contained in the Old and New Testaments—which do not recognize our Lord Jesus Christ as the true God and the only Mediator between God and man—which teach doctrines or have usages or forms of worship condemned in God's Word and in the Confessions of His Church—which assume to themselves what God has given to His Church and its Ministers—which require undefined obligations to be assumed by oath, are un-Christian, and we solemnly warn our members and ministers against all fellowship with, or connivance at associations which have this character.

3. All connection with infidel and immoral associations we consider as requiring the exercise of prompt and decisive discipline, and after faithful and patient monition and teaching from God's Word, the cutting off the persistent and obstinate offender from the communion of the Church until he abandons them and shows a true repentance.

4. We would earnestly direct the attention of our Congregations to the great importance not only of pure and large benevolence, but also to the duty and desirableness of arrangements by which systematic provision could be made by Church members for the time of sickness and want, and for widows and orphans. [Minutes, p. 22.]

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. F. Ulery.

EIGHTH SESSION.

MONDAY, October 13th, 7.30 P. M.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. J. G. Schaidt. The German minutes were read and approved.

Report of committee on

Church Books.

I. THE GERMAN CHURCH BOOK.

Of the large 18mo. edition of the German Church Book, Sherman & Co., in Philadelphia, have printed up to this date 15,000 copies, and sold 10,000, leaving 5,000 on hand.

Of the small 32mo. edition, 16,000 have been printed, and 10,500 sold, leaving 5,500 in the hands of the printer.

The premiums accruing to the General Council from the 20,500 copies which have been sold, amount to $2,550.00. As this sum is not sufficient to pay for the *Probedruck* and the plates of both editions, the General Council is still indebted to Sherman & Co. for these books to an amount of about $1100.

The publication of the *Contional and Choral Buch,* prepared by J. Endlich, Esq., has been delayed by unexpected circumstances, which were beyond the power either of the publisher or the editor. The book, however, is now ready, and will be for sale before the First Sunday in Advent.

II. THE GERMAN SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK.

Of this book 20,000 copies have been printed in all. 2,000 of these were destroyed by the great fire in Ig. Kohler's establishment, so that the General Council can only claim a premium on 19,000 copies, amounting to $950.

The original cost of the plates was $1,109.20; the expenses of the committee as far as they now have been paid, together with alterations in the plates were $284.29; making the whole amount due to the publishers $1,393.49, leaving at this date a balance due to them of $443.49.

III. THE ENGLISH SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK.

There have been sold since the last meeting of the Council 3,366 copies, and since its publication 21,189 copies. The amount still due for cost of the Book was $36.99. The amount of premium accrued is $100.98, which leaves a balance due the Council, after all costs of preparation have been paid, of $63.99. Your committee would ask the instruction of the Council as to whether this money should be applied to the balance due on the edition without music, or what disposition of it should be made.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK WITHOUT MUSIC.

An edition without music has been prepared and published by the Lutheran Book Store. The account for the same is as follows :

1877, Oct. 30, To Composition and Electrotyping, with boxes.	$215 40
Interest on Plates Nov. 1, 1877 to May 1, 1879	19 38
	$234 78
1879, April 30, By Premium on 5,000 copies.....	90 00
	$144 78
Interest May 1, '79 to Sept. 30, '79..	3 61
	$148 39
Sept. 30, Premium on 1500 copies.....	27 00
	$121 39

This last amount is still due the Lutheran Book Store on account of this book.

IV. PROPOSITIONS SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL.

An application was made to the committee during the past year, by the committee appointed by the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America, to prepare a Sunday School Book for use in churches connected with that Body, to be allowed to use the Order of Service contained in our Sunday School Book. Your committee recommend that the privilege be granted.

The communication from the same Body, inviting the General Council to co-operate with it in the preparation of an Order of Public Worship, suited to the use of all Lutheran Congregations, was referred to your committee for its consideration.

We recommend the following action :

Resolved, That the General Council consents to co-operate in the preparation of an Order of Service for use of Evangelical Lutheran Congregations, provided that the rule which shall decide all questions arising in its preparation shall be : The common consent of the pure Lutheran Liturgies of the sixteenth century, and when there is not an entire agreement among them, the consent of the largest number of those of the greatest weight.

Resolved, That the committee on Church Books be authorized to act for the Council.

Resolved, That the committee is authorized to submit for the consideration of the Council any changes in the Church Books, now set forth for use, which may be deemed necessary to make them conform more perfectly to the above rule.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received, and the recommendations of the committee were adopted.

Resolved, That the surplus of the money accruing from the sale of the English Sunday School Book with music, be used in payment of the deficit on the English Sunday School Book without music.

Resolved, That the Church Book Committee be instructed to have the Sunday School Books, with music, and without music, furnished in more durable binding.

Resolved, That the committee on the English Sunday School Book be instructed to take into earnest consideration, the propriety of making a better provision of hymns for the Infant Department of our Sunday Schools.

The consideration of the report of committee on Paper from the

General Synod of North America

was resumed, and the following resolution introduced by Dr. Krotel, was adopted:

Resolved, That in regard to the inquiry as to co-operation in the preparation of a Service Book, the visitor appointed by us, be requested to lay the resolution, adopted before the General Synod of North America.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

Report of committee on

Appeal from the Pittsburgh Synod.

The only paper committed to us for report is an appeal of Peter Born against the action of the Pittsburg Synod, at its last meeting, by which action he was expelled from the Synod, and the congregations warned against him. The appeal is made upon the ground that no charges in writing were communicated to him, that he was not notified that he should appear for trial, that the action was taken in his absence and without opportunity of explanation and defence, and he maintains that the course pursued is in violation of the prescriptions of the constitution of the Pittsburgh Synod.

It does not appear that he has given timely notice of his appeal to this body, to the President of this Synod; hence no examination into the merits of the case can be made here.

It appears from the testimony of the President and other members of the Pittsburgh Synod that no specific charges, as about to be presented to Synod, were communicated to him in writing, that he was not officially notified to appear, and that the action was taken in his absence.

Mr. Born has transmitted to the President of Synod his protest against the action taken. Your committee have not had access to a copy of the constitution of the Synod, and do not express an opinion

as to whether its action in the case of Mr. Born was regular or not.

But we are persuaded that in the interest of common justice it would be well that a full hearing should be given to Mr. Born. We therefore advise that it be recommended to the Pittsburgh Synod to review their action, and that in so doing notice be given to Mr. Born and an opportunity given him to be heard.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted.

Home Missions.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Three years ago, in closing our Report, it was remarked: "that the Home Missionary system of the General Council, so far from being a failure, was becoming more and more of a success." It was then stated, that during the past year, upwards of three hundred feeble churches and stations on the missions or vacant pastorates, had been supplied with the preaching of the pure Word, and the ministration of the unadulterated Sacraments, and that in addition to this, a large amount of missionary labor had been performed in exploring new fields, and bringing the Gospel to the dispersed members of our communion in the different District Synods of the Western States and Canada.

Since that time, our country has passed through a period of financial embarrassment such as had seldom before visited and afflicted the land. In many places, the wheels of industry stood still, Trade and commerce were greatly crippled. Business was paralyzed. Bankruptcies struck terror into the hearts of thousands. Properties shrunk to nominal values. Established churches were unable to support the Gospel, and many pastorates became vacant. The Synods were embarrassed by the missions which had been commenced in more prosperous times and could not be discontinued. The revenues of institutions of learning and of charity melted away, and the chariot wheels dragged heavily, in the onward progress of Christ's kingdom.

Owing to this wide spread depression, the committee found it impossible to enlarge the field of their activity. The calls from Synods, cities and the Western States were numerous and pressing. But the debt which had weighed upon us for many years, and the inability of the District Synods to aid us, after the hard struggle to maintain the missions on their own territory, compelled us to move slowly, merely occupying our old ground, and leaving all results with God. May the Merciful One overlook the feebleness of our work and grant that the handful of corn on the top of the mountains, may yet shake like Lebanon.

The committee deeply regret to state, that the earnest recommendation of the General Council to the District Synods, to aid the Gen-

eral Committee by devoting the one-fifth of their missionary collections to its treasury, has failed to produce the desired effect. Did we not see from the minutes of the several Synods, that not a few of them are in arrears to the missionaries on their own territory, or were compelled to curtail their own operations, on account of the stringency of the times, the committee could have regarded this failure to respond, as an evidence of the want of confidence by the Church, and as indicating their duty to give place to others. With the exception of a small sum from the District Synod of Ohio, the Synods of Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh alone have sent contributions to the General Missionary Treasury. We have done what we could, by letter and otherwise, to increase these amounts by the free-will offerings of our people, but though it was understood, that the committee would appropriate every dollar from the District Synods to the work of exploration and church work on their own territory, the brethren of these Synods have preferred to disburse their funds in their own way.

It may be stated, in this connection, that in view of this fact, as well as because the members of the committee were greatly over-burdened with pastoral and other duties, they did not avail themselves of the columns of our Church papers to publish more on the subject of missions. If it were possible to have had a monthly paper, making a specialty of this great interest, we believe the results would be as encouraging as has been the case with the publication of the missionary sheet of the Foreign Committee. And yet, it must be acknowledged that nothing is more difficult than to bring the Church to realize the imperative necessity of Home Missions, when every Synod is burdened with the temporary supply of so many vacant charges, for which it has hitherto been impossible to obtain suitable pastors. If this great work were once measurably supplied, it would be much easier to awaken an interest in the many destitute places in every Synod, and in regions beyond. The experience of the past, has likewise established the fact, that great as is the want of means, the want of men is greater. The missionary field above all others, requires men of especial gifts and graces. Persons not thus qualified, cannot be commissioned for difficult places, where others have been in advance and the cause for which they labor has not the surroundings of numbers and the advantages of social position and culture and wealth. Our great want, therefore, is, both means and the necessary supply of faithful and capable men. Lord of the harvest! Send forth laborers into thy harvest.

The committee greatly regret the removal from Pittsburgh of two of their number, Rev. Messrs. Wenzel and Laird. Both these brethren have labored zealously in the cause to which they were devoted, and their departure is a serious loss to this interest.

The following is a brief review of the Missions under the care of the

General Committee, and of the Executive Committees of the District Synods.

1. *The Chicago Mission.* The Rev. E. Belfour has continued to labor faithfully at his post since our last convention. One obstacle to success after another has been met and overcome. The remaining indebtedness on the church lot, amounting to $6,000, has been at last funded at a low rate of interest. The communicant membership has been increased by the confirmation of two classes, both of great promise. Of these, some 30 in number, the missionary speaks in very touching words. At the reunion on the 24th of April, of those who had been confirmed by Bro. Belfour since his residence in Chicago, 101 in number, there was a renewal of solemn vows and covenant engagements to God. In addition to this increase, there have been encouraging additions from our Eastern churches and those of other lands, so that notwithstanding the constant losses by removals and other causes, the church is steadily growing. The Sunday School continues to prosper, while a Bible class for adults, and a weekly meeting for the instruction of the teachers, are training the younger members for a more intelligent activity. The serious ill health of Rev. Belfour during the past winter has been a source of great anxiety to the committee, and we fervently pray God mercifully to sustain and continue him on this difficult and important field. The wisdom of the Committee, in continuing to occupy the ground in Chicago, notwithstanding the heavy expense, has been strikingly illustrated by the events of the past three months. The most interesting of these, is the organization of a Second English Lutheran Church, by our Missionary, under very favorable auspices. The location of the new congregation is at Wicker Park, a growing extension of the city on the northwest side, nearly three miles from the old congregation. A large and beautiful Gothic church with Lecture and Sunday School rooms, centrally located on a corner lot, was purchased by the newly organized congregation, and taken possession of on the 1st of October. The cost of the whole was only $3,000, while the value is more than four-fold, and with an additional sum of like amount, which is being collected, the church is now being finished and furnished, so that it will be ready for occupancy by January. The population in this vicinity is largely Lutheran, and though of various nationalities, the interest they have manifested in contributing to the purchase and completion of this sanctuary awakens the hope of the ingathering and establishment of a substantial and prosperous church. On the first Sunday in October a Sunday School was organized with 75 scholars, with excellent prospects of large increase. It is the purpose of the missionary to hold regular service every Sunday afternoon, until a separate laborer can be obtained for this locality. A catechetical class will also be organized.

There are other openings of much promise in other parts of this city, and nothing is needed but an enlightened zeal and the persevering activity of a resolute faith, to enter in through these open doors and possess the land.

2. *Columbus English Mission.* Rev. H. Peters, Missionary. Since our last convention, as heretofore, this mission has been conducted jointly with the Mission Committee of the English District Synod of Ohio. As one of the first fruits of this mission, a new mission charge, with London, the seat of justice for Madison county, has been formed since our last report. By the consent of the Committee, your missionary was permitted to serve this in connection with the congregation in Columbus. The result has been the organization of two new churches, one in London and one in the country, both of which give promise of a hopeful future. At London a valuable lot has been secured and paid for, on which it is proposed to erect a chapel next year.

The services at Columbus have been held under the new management, one Sunday in the morning and the next in the evening. While this has been acceptable to the people, it is not what the needs of the congregation require or the interests of our cause in that important city demand. Sufficient time is not left to the missionary for pastoral visitation, and for the ingathering of the numerous individuals and families of our Church who make their home temporarily or permanently in that city. During the past year the church has been strengthened by the addition of eight by confirmation. The interest and the debt have been promptly met, but the circumstances of the congregation were such that none of the capital could be paid. The Sunday School continues its usual efficiency, and the teachers and pastor co-operate harmoniously in the training and care of the young. A second laborer is greatly needed on the field occupied by our missionary, and until God provide us such a laborer, and the means of his support, we cannot reasonably hope for either rapid growth or permanent establishment.

The following is an imperfect review of the Mission work in the District Synods, under the auspices of their respective Mission Committees. We regret that several Synods have failed to send in any reports, and that on this account the summary of the whole is not more satisfactory.

THE MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The territory of this Synod embraces the counties east of the Susquehanna—the oldest field of our Church in Pennsylvania. This is nevertheless essentially missionary ground. Philadelphia, alone, with a population of upwards of 800,000 souls, contains a scattered Lutheran membership, which would fill half a score of additional churches. If twenty thousand dollars were annually spent in domestic mission-

ary work in the Synod, instead of four or five thousand as at present, the whole atmosphere and aspect of the Church would be changed. It could be done. It ought to be done. It must be done, or deliverance will arise from some other quarter!

During the past year, the Synod assisted *thirteen* missions, with some thirty congregations and stations, in different counties, and *ten* missions in Philadelphia, with twelve churches. Two additional missions in Lancaster and Reading were supported by individual congregations —making *twenty-five* missions, containing some *forty* churches. The missions in the country, are Doylestown, Phœnixville, Eckley in Luzerne county, Wilkesbarre, Shenandoah, Cogan, Beavertown, Lykens, Sand Cut in Wayne county, Chester, Germania in Potter county, and the New Jersey mission field. The missionaries were Revs. F. C. C. Kaehler, J. H. Schmidt, F. F. Buermyer, J. Gruhler, Prof. H. Eggers, D. M. Stettler, M. B. Lenker, G. H. Rhodes, J. F. Bayer, L. Smith, J. H. Voss, and Prof. G. F. Miller. The City missions were St. Paul's, Rev. W. K. Frick; St. Stephen's, West Philadelphia, Rev. J. K. Plitt; Christ's Church, Chestnut Hill, Rev. C. J. Hirzel; St. Peter's, Southwark, Rev. J. W. Albrecht; Church of the Advent, Rev. H. M. Bickel; St. Peter's, German, West Philadelphia, Rev. C. F. Welden; St. Michaels, Richmond, Rev. F. P. Bender; Immanuel's Church, German, Frankford, Rev. John Nicum; Rising Sun, German, Rev. C. G. Fischer; Germantown, German, ditto. The amount of assistance rendered to the support of these missions for the past Synodical year was $4,204.33—in addition to the aid by the Trinity Churches in Lancaster and Reading to the two missionaries under their care. The depressed condition of industry and trade in the territory of the Synod has made the progress of these missions slow and most difficult, but the results indicate an encouraging spiritual progress, and even in material respects, there have been important gains. The energy which has enabled the congregations and ministers to survive the discouragements of the past few years, will yet overcome all, and by the divine blessing crown this work with a glorious success.

THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Dur ng the year, *sixteen* missions were regularly served by the ministers appointed to these fields. They are as follows: Ki ttanning, English; Christ's Church, East End, Pittsburgh; Allegheny Valley; Butler, English; Monongahela and Glenfield, German; Franklin; North Eastern; Kittanning, German, and Jerusalem; East Liverpool, German; Trenton, Ohio; Rochester and Beaver Falls Mission; Pan Handle, German; Freeport and Natrona, German; Nova Scotia, German; Corry, German; Tyler and Wetzel county, W. Va. The missionaries were: Revs. J. C. Kunzman, L. H. Geschwind, G. H. Gerberding, S. Munsch, S. W. Kuhns, John Sander, M. Schweigert, John Fritz, S. K. Herbster,

C. H. Hemsath, J. Rechsteiner, C. E. Cossman, Prof. H. Gilbert and A. H. Kinnard.

The fields occupied by these brethren have for the most part required painstaking labor—and the results, as seen in the number of the baptized, the confirmed, the accessions of the scattered to the membership, and the large ingathering of children into the Sunday Schools and catechism classes, though not striking, are highly encouraging. At the late convention of Synod, the English Mission at Kittanning, Pa., was transferred to the list of self supporting pastorates. The Glenfield German Mission was also united in a pastoral charge with Trinity Church. The sum of $2,498.46 was paid out in appropriations within the Synod, and $545.11 to the General Council's Home Missionary Treasury. But for the poverty of many and the business depression of the past year, this sum would be largely increased. As it is, the amount is wholly inadequate to the mission work to be done in the Western counties of the State. The wealth of individual Christians must be consecrated to this cause. The work at our very doors, demands our first and generous aid. Only when we provide for our own household, can we expect to worthily aid those "in the regions beyond."

THE NEW YORK MINISTERIUM.

We regret, that owing to causes which need not be referred to, the collections for domestic missions in this Synod have diminished, instead of increasing. The field in the Empire State among the European Germans and their children, is immense. In New York, Brooklyn and other leading cities, those not yet gathered into our churches may be counted by hundreds and thousands. On this account, it is the more distressing, that with the field so "white for the harvest," so little is attempted. The sum of $531.65 was all that is represented as appropriated to the Home Mission cause during the past year. This was divided among the missionaries at Ward's Island, West Webster, Breslau, L. I., West New York, N. Y., and the Bethlehem German Church, New York City. The brethren Revs. L. H. Gerndt, C. R. Gerndt, W. R. Buehler, G. W. Drees, and G. Burkhardt, appear to have labored faithfully at their different posts of duty.

THE DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

The report of the Missionary President of this body gives evidence of considerable interest in the holy cause. Four missions, viz.: Columbus, Alliance, Paulding county and the Ada mission, have been assisted and a traveling missionary, Rev. J. L. Smith, visited and labored much in vacant congregations and mission fields throughout the State. The Zanesville church, where we now meet, was one of the stations of the Synod, two years ago, and but for the aid then received, the cause could not have been revived. The missions at Alliance,

Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, Pastor; Ada, Rev. F. P. Cook, Pastor; and in Paulding, Rev. J. Snyder, Pastor, have been more than usually successful. In the latter, three congregations were organized in Paulding county, and a fourth at Delaware Bend, in Defiance county, while seventy-two were baptized in this single field.

The sum of $1,256.82 was appropriated to the support of the above missions, and $50 to the Home Missionary Treasury of the General Council.

THE SWEDISH AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

Owing to the large territory of this Synod, its mission work is carried on by a General Committee, and by the five District Conferences. The circumstances of the Swedish population and their surroundings are such, that it is possible for the many vacancies and settlements to be visited and cared for, largely by regular pastors who are permitted to leave their own flocks and supply the many vacancies in their bounds. In this way upwards of one hundred weak churches and stations are regularly supplied, and the ground is held until permanent pastors are gradually obtained from the Seminary. In addition to this, missions of a general character among the scattered Swedes in New England, New York and Brooklyn, Colorado and other States and Territories, are successfully carried on by the General Committee. For this latter object, the Synod at its late convention, appropriated the sum of $2,200, and this has been apportioned to the Conferences of the Synod for general Swedish missions during the present synodical year. This is a most important work, and in view of the fact, that it can be attended to more easily by the Swedish committee than by others, they have asked to be permitted to expend their own collections, for the benefit of their destitute countrymen.

THE CANADA SYNOD.

From its organization by the Pittsburgh Synod to the present time, this has been emphatically a missionary Synod, and in connection with the parent Synod has conquered all the ground it now possesses. During the year which has closed, six missions have been under its supervision, viz: the Ottowa Mission, with two laborers, Rev. Messrs. Bastian and Heinzelman; the New Dundee Mission, Rev. U. Berner; Hullet and Bayfield Mission, Rev. J. N. Muenzinger; Brant Mission, Rev. Wm. Rein; Draper and Morrison Mission, Rev. R. Von Birch; and the Quebec Mission, Rev. A. Sommer. All of these are among the German immigrants and contain a large scope of territory in which congregations have been organized, and are slowly growing into vigorous life. In addition to the many difficulties which are inseparable from a work among a poor and scattered people who are contending with the first wants of the settler, it is distressing to see from the report of Pastor Spring, the Missionary President, that like St. Paul,

they have continual sorrow of heart from the intrusion of false brethren, who, under the plea of a purer faith, distract and divide their little mission flocks. But the progress of the cause is still onward, and God is adding His loving benediction to their self-denyi ng toil. The sum of $517.16 was appropriated for the missions during the past year, in addition to various sums to assist the mission churches in the erection of houses of worship. How necessary is a traveling mission in the Province of Ontario, and also a second laborer who would travel among our scattered German emigrants in Manitoba ! Will not some one enable the Committee to appoint such laborers ?

THE MICHIGAN SYNOD.

In the absence of the minutes of this Synod, we can only report in general that this interest is not forgotten by our brethren of the Michigan Synod. The aid which has been extended to a number of destitute places heretofore, has resulted in the establishment of several churches which are supplied with pastors. A large amount of missionary work is done by the ministers in connection with their regular parishes. The want here as in so many places is the want of laborers, and because of this great want, many promising places are necessarily overlooked. Here too, a traveling missionary is needed along the railroads and in the new countries, where nothing but such thorough and systematic exploration and visitation, will enable the Church to supply her scattered children with the bread of life.

THE HOLSTON SYNOD.

The Synod has two missions under its care, the one at Wartburg and vicinity, Morgan co., and Bristol, the first served by Rev. Mr. Brueggemann, and the other by Rev. Dr. Brown. The debts which embarrass them have hindered any extension of the work during the past year, and the cause necessarily suffers. A new life from God among the churches, would greatly quicken this interest also, and lead to an increase of evangelistic effort in a part of the country where there are hopeful openings.

THE SYNOD OF INDIANA.

This body labors under the distressing burden of being unable to supply its many vacant congregations and settlements, for the want of ministers. If one or two thousand dollars could be appropriated to the large field of this Synod, under a judicious superintendent, and the small salaries of the pastors could be supplemented by an appropriation from the general treasury, many congregations could be organized and not a few of those now ready to die, for want of ministerial services, would be quickened to a vigorous life. It is indeed a time of trial and tears, and must be, until aid comes to meet this pressing need of men and means for the present distress.

CONCLUSION.

In revising the work of missionary supply in the Synods connected with the General Council and in the regions beyond, the following thoughts press upon us for utterance, and are commended to the prayerful consideration of the brotherhood.

1. The mission work, at home and abroad, is the Church's great and distinguishing work. When a communion ceases to be evangelistic, it cannot long continue evangelical. Like exercise in the body, missionary activity is necessary to healthful life.

2. The large increase of devout and educated ministers, is indispensable to the Church's work among the destitute. Without the men, the cause is a failure.

3. The consecration of our substance to Jesus Christ, and the propagation of His Gospel, must go along with our confession of His name and the profession of his faith. "Be ye fed," and "Be ye clothed," are a mockery, when we give not the perishing the bread and raiment of life.

4. Prayer, believing and importunate, must go up to God, for "the times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." Times of softness and self-pleasing are cowardly times. If we are to do our work we must "be endued with power from on high." Only then, will we be equal to the great emergency which is upon us. Only then can we pray aright to the Lord of the harvest that "He will send laborers into His harvest."

W. A. PASSAVANT, *Chairman.*

The report was received, and the committee allowed to complete it for publication.

The report of Thomas H. Lane, Esq., Treasurer of the Home Mission fund, was presented, received, and ordered, when completed, to be entered on the minutes.

Report of Home Mission Fund.

Thomas H. Lane Treasurer in account with the Home Mission Committee of the General Council.

1877.	DR.	
Oct. 22,	To Cash received from Rev. S. Laird from Church of Holy Trinity, N. Y.....	100 00
	Cash from Church of Holy Communion Phila.....	51 63
	Cash from Penna. Synod, being balance upon appropriation for synodical year ending Trinity Sunday 1877.....	200 00
1878.		
Jan. 24.	To Cash from Holston Synod per Rev. Geo. A. Fox, Tr.	10 00

Jan. 31.	To Cash per Rev. S. Laird, Reading, Pa., from H. H. Muhlenberg, M. D.		50 00
	Mrs. C. M. Bremmer, Philadelphia		100 00
	" Mary Hensell		100 00
	Miss Lilly J. Black		25 00
	" Mary M. Black		25 00
Feb. 6.	To Cash Penna. Synod		400 00
May 6.	" District Synod of Ohio, per Rev. E. Smith		30 00
20.	" Penna. Synod		400 00
28.	" " "		400 00
	" per Rev. S. Laird, from Rev. F. K. Huntzinger		1 00
	" a Lutheran		1 00
	" Z. H. Gable		2 00
July 16.	To Cash per W. H. Staake, Esq.,		10 00
Sept. 21.	" from Pittsburgh Synod, per Col. D. M. Armor, Treasurer		524 82
Oct. 7.	" from Church of Holy Trinity, N. Y., for aid of Rev. E. Belfour's cong'n, Chicago, Ill.		100 00
18.	" from Mrs. C. D. Marnedel, San Francisco, Cal.		25 00
			2,555 45
	Amount borrowed from Thiel College	$1671 50	
	Amount overdrawn	26 27	
			1697 77
			$4,253 22

1877.	Cr.	
Oct. 24.	By Cash paid Rev. E. Belfour	350 00
1878.		
Jan. 31.	By Cash paid Rev. E. Belfour	300 00
Feb. 6.	" " " " " "	310 00
"	" " " " H. Peters	100 00
22.	" " " E. Belfour	240 00
May 6.	" " " H. Peters	30 00
21.	" " " H. Peters	37 50
"	" " " E. Belfour	362 50
June 28.	" " " E. Belfour	400 00
Sept. 21.	" " " E. Belfour	500 00
Oct. 7.	" for aid of his congregation from Church of Holy Trinity, N. Y.	100 00
	" interest upon loan	6 34
Oct. 25.	" interest upon loan paid to W. W. Wattles, Treasurer of Thiel College	91 72
		2,828 06
	Amount overdrawn as per last statement of account ren'd,	1,425 16
		$4,253 22

We hereby certify that we have examined the vouchers, and found the above account correct.

A. LANGE,
D. M. ARMOR,
Auditing Com.

Thomas H. Lane Treas. in account with Home Mission Fund of General Council of Ev. Luth. Church,

1878. DR.

Nov. 18.	To Cash from Rev. E. Smith, Greensburg		200 00
15.	" received per Rev. S. Laird from a member of St. John's Church, Phila.		50 00
Dec. 23.	" from Mrs. J. Black, Pittsburgh		100 00
1879.			
Jan. 11.	" from Penna. Synod		400 00
21.	" from Rev. E. Smith, Greensburg		2 00
Feb. 21.	" from Mission Society of Third German Ev. Luth. Church, Rochester		25 00
April 21.	" from Rev. E. Smith, Greensburg		10 00
	" per Rev. S. Laird, from Mrs. Mary Woelper, Phila		100 00
	" from Mrs. Caroline S. Bremer		100 00
July 14.	" from Mr. C. Neff		50 00
16.	" from —— ——		5 00
19.	" from Penna. Synod, per Rev. Dr. Fry		400 00
30.	" from Mrs. Jane Black Pittsburgh		50 00
	" from Rev. Sam'l Laird		100 00
Sept. 14.	" from District Synod of Ohio, per Rev. E. Smith		40 00
Oct. 8.	" from Pittsburgh Synod, per Col. D. M. Armor, Treasurer		545 11
			1979 11
	" borrowed from Thiel College, for which they hold obligations of Committee		1671 50
			$3,650 61

1879. CR.

By Cash paid Rev. H. Peters, Dec. 23, 1878		$75 00	
" " " " Feb. 18, 1879		50 00	
" " " " April 21, 1879		10 00	
" " " " " "		40 00	
" " " " Aug. 2, 1879		50 00	
" " " " Oct. 6, 1879		54 00	
			275 00
By Cash paid Rev. E. Belfour, Jan. 11, 1879		400 00	
" " " " April 21, 1879		200 00	

By Cash paid Rev. E. Belfour,	May 26, 1879	300 00	
" " " "	Aug. 2, 1879	250 00	
" " " "	Oct. 10, 1879	427 55	
			1,577 55
Oct. 10. By Cash paid W. W. Wattles, Treasurer of Thiel College, int.			100 29
			$1,952 84
By Cash overdrawn as per last statement			1,697 77
			$3,650 61

PITTSBURGH, October 10, 1879.

The undersigned having been appointed a committee for the purpose of auditing the account of Thos. H. Lane, Treasurer of Home Mission Fund of General Council, report the same to be correct.

W. W. WATTLES,
D. M. ARMOR, PER W. W. W.
Committee.

Resolved, That Pittsburgh be the geographical centre with reference to which the executive committe be constituted.

Revs. W. A. Passavant, D. D., E. Smith, and J. K. Melhorn, and Messrs. T. H. Lane, D. M. Armor, W. W. Wattles and L. Kim were, by resolution, appointed the committee, with power to fill vacancies.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. D. M. Henkel.

NINTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 14th, 9 A. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. G. W. Mechling.

Minutes read and approved.

The special order for the morning, the Discussion of the Theses on Pulpit and Altar Fellowship was resumed.

At 10 A. M., the discussion of theses was postponed until the business of the Council was disposed of.

Report of the Committee on Minutes of District Synods

From the documents placed in the hands of your committee, the following summary of the proceedings of the several District Synods is respectfully submitted.

THE MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The 123d annual meeting of this Ministerium was held at Lebanon, Penn'a, in June last. It numbers 164 pastors of congregations; 12 professors; 4 foreign missionaries; 19 ministers aged, disabled and without charges, and 383 congregations, with 79,383 confirmed members. Six new churches were dedicated, and 3 congregations organized since the last convention of the General Council. Six young men were ordained in 1878, and five in 1879. A proposition to divide the Ministerium was rejected and the difficulties resulting from the pressure of business, were provided, for by the transfer of much of the matter that occupies the time of the Synod to the care of the Conferences. A plan for the reconstruction and equalization of the Conference districts, was presented for the consideration of the Conferences. It was proposed for action at next meeting, to discontinue the appointment of delegates to other Synods, excepting the New York Ministerium, unless required by special business.

The Ministerium has given aid to twenty-five missions within its bounds, and contributed the larger part of the funds for the support of the Foreign Missions of the General Council.

The educational institutions of this body are in a flourishing condition, and the whole Church has received from them incalculable benefit. Forty regular students received tuition in the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Ten others were admitted, but, for various reasons, withdrew during the year. The Treasurer reported all bills paid. Muhlenberg College has a faculty of seven. The four regular classes numbered 66 students, and the academic department was attended by 127. A bequest of $30,000 was left this Institution by the Hon. Asa Packer. Fifteen students for the ministry were aided during the past year—six in the Seminary and nine in the College. A satisfactory agreement was consummated with the Trustees of Pennsylvania College, whereby the Ministerium of Pennsylvania relinquishes its right to nominate the German and the Franklin Professors in that Institution.

There are connected with the Ministerinm 162 Lutheran, and 307 Union Sunday Schools, having 5482 teachers and 44,061 scholars. The Parochial schools number 15, with 21 teachers and 1060 scholars.

The report of the Board of Trustees of the Orphans' Home, and the Asylum for the aged in Germantown, shows these institutions to be in a highly flourishing condition.

The attention of persons having charge of sunday school and congregational libraries is directed to a series of *Life Pictures*, from the German of Wildenhahn, to be issued by Mr. J. F. Smith, of Philadelphia. Ministers and people are urged, by resolution, to co-operate in the preparation and circulation of a reprint of the "*Hallesche*

Nachrichten," soon to be issued by Messrs. Brobst, Diehl & Co., with many valuable additions and explanations.

A committee was appointed to mature a plan for a suitable commemoration of the seventh semi-centennial anniversary of the delivery of the Augsburg Confession, and the third centenary of the publication of the Book of Concord, June 25th, 1880.

The Ministerium approved the amendment to the constitution of the General Council, whereby the word "annually," is stricken out of the first line of Sec. 2, Art. I.

The next annual meeting will be held, May 23rd, 1880, in Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pa.

MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK.

An extra session of this body was held on the 4th of Dec. 1877, at which resolutions were passed concerning the conduct of those members of the Ministerium who were laboring to disparage and impair the influence of the *Lutherische Herold*—the official organ of the Ministerium. According to the Minutes of the last convention at Syracuse, N. Y., there are, connected with the Ministerium 69 ministers; 65 congregations, with a membership of 25,209; 77 Sunday Schools with 1,369 teachers and 13,833 scholars; $458.33 were expended in support of 8 Missions $1,325 in aid of 9 beneficiary students, and $760.19 were paid into the Treasury of the Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Resolutions were passed, the substance of which is, that the Ministerium regrets having received no direct answer to an appeal presented to the General Council in Philadelphia, on account of an informality in the manner of its presentation; that the position taken by the Ministerium at its Convention in 1876, in regard to the Galesburg Rule remains unchanged and that it will continue to labor to secure a more careful observance of this Rule in the Synods belonging to the General Council.

There was much discussion of a new constitution for Synods, and the following affirmed as the sense of the Ministerium, viz: (1) The Congregations shall decide all questions according to the teachings of the Word of God, and the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; but in all cases of importance they shall seek the advice of Synod and duly respect the same. The Synod, however, shall watch over the purity of doctrine and the due exercise of church discipline, both in regard to the pastors and the congregations, and on all questions, regularly presented, shall give its decisions in accordance with the Word of God, and the Confessions of the Church.

(2) At the meetings of Synod, lay delegates shall have the same rights and duties as the ministers.

(3) The principal teachers of the Parochial schools, who have been

received into Synod after a colloquium with the Examining Committee, shall be regarded as advisory members, but on all questions that have respect to the schools, they shall have the right to vote.

Synod approved the amendment to Sec. 2, Art. I. of the constitution of the General Council.

The next convention will be held in Canajoharie, N. Y.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

The growth and development of this Synod, since our last convention, have been more striking than at any previous period. The educational efforts in preparing young men at the Synodical College, and the Philadelphia Seminary are bearing fruit, and vacant charges and missions are being supplied with pastors. *Ten* young men have been ordained during the two last years. *Seven* congregations have been organized, and *thirteen* new churches have been consecrated. The rapid extension of railroads over the territory of the Synod, has necessitated the carrying on of an extension of Home Missions to reach and gather in the scattered members of our communion, and eighteen district missions are conducted under the supervision of the Missionary President. Thiel College at Greenville, Mercer co., Pa., the Synod's college, is working quietly, but efficiently, in the education of the sons and daughters of the Church, and has enjoyed a larger patronage than ever before, notwithstanding the depression of the times. Its tuition is free to the children of all Lutheran pastors and the teachers of our Church schools, and during the past year twenty-four young persons enjoyed these advantages. The Synod has not been without serious trials, and defections, but the time for establishment, as well as extension, seems to have come, and a brighter outlook is evidently before it. Especially hopeful are its pastorates and missions in Nova Scotia, where the Synod has a Conference and a band of laborious pastors working in an old and long neglected field.

The Synod has 72 ministers, 145 congregations, and 11,900 communicants. It has approved the amendment of Sec. 2, Art. I. of the General Council. Adamsburg, Pa., and the last Wednesday in August 1880, have been chosen as the place and time for the next regular meeting.

DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

This body held its last meeting at Alliance, O. beginning on the 17th of Sept., 1879. It embraces 32 ministers, 72 congregations, and 7,000 communicants. Considerable time was devoted, both at the last, and preceding meetings to the discussion of theses on "Doctrine and Practice." A deep interest is taken in the work of Home Missions, and several students are maintained at our institutions. An earnest desire was expressed for the speedy completion of the Constitution for congregations, and the Forms for Ministerial Acts, now in course of preparation by a committee of the General Council.

The delegates to the General Council were instructed to have respect, in all their votes, touching the questions of Pulpit and Altar Fellowship, to the Akron and Galesburg declarations.

No action was taken in regard to the proposed amendment to Sec. 2, Art. I. of the constitution of the General Council.

Lima, O., has been selected as the place for the next meeting.

MICHIGAN SYNOD.

This Synod includes 25 ministers, 43 congregations, 7 missions, and 4,600 communicants. There are 2 Parochial Schools; in 14 congregations *Kinderlehre* is held, and 22 Sunday Schools are reported. Nearly $2,000 were collected for benevolent purposes, including Home and Foreign Missions. Two new churches were erected and dedicated. Steps were taken to provide a fund for invalids. New constitutions for Synod and congregations will be presented for consideration at the next regular meeting. The action of Synod in 1877 in regard to the so-called "Four Points" was re-affirmed. The proposed amendment to Sec. 2, Art. I. of the constitution of the General Council was approved. The next meeting will be held at Ann Arbor, Mich., beginning the second Sunday in Oct., 1880.

SWEDISH AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

The progress of this Synod, since our last convention, has been very encouraging. The minutes of '79 give the names of 130 pastors and professors, and the statistics of 313 congregations in various parts of the Western States. The membership in these is given as 40,154 communicants, and a baptized population of 71,006 souls. 84 of the congregations are without pastors. Nearly all the older congregations have erected substantial and capacious churches, and are provided with comfortable residences for their pastors. A larger number of the more recent organizations have secured sites for churches and parsonages, and many are engaged in the erection of houses of worship suitable to their present needs. The two Colleges of this Synod at Rock Island, Ills., and St. Peter, Minn., are in a flourishing condition, both of them having materially diminished their indebtedness, and thus increased their facilities for usefulness.

During last year, Augustana College was attended by 142, and the institution at St. Peter by 65 students. The Theological Department of Augustana College, contained 22 students, and since our last convention, the Synod had the pleasure of ordaining 18 young men, nearly all of whom had attended the lectures of Professors Hasselquist and Olsen, at Rock Island. The heavy losses by death and removals to the Fatherland were thus made up, and a large number of vacant churches and stations were supplied with pastors. By the increased efficacy of the College, the Synod looks hopefully forward to an annually increasing number of students in the Seminary, many of whom

will be able to officiate in Swedish and English, where the wants of the community require such services.

Two homes for orphan children, are in successful operation. These are located at Andover, Henry co., Ills., and at Wasa, Minn. Two others are about being established, one in Iowa and a second in Kansas, for which valuable tracts of land have been secured. The destruction by a tornado of the one in Minnesota, and the sad loss of life caused by it, have been overruled for good, and a larger and more substantial structure, has taken the place of the one destroyed.

A mission to the Comanche Indians in the Indian Terrirory has been undertaken, and Rev. M. Wahlström appointed missionary.

But the most gratifying evidence of the presence of God with the brethren of this Synod, is the establishment of multitudes, who seemed to waver for a time, in the saving truths of Christ. The agitation in many churches and settlements caused by the whirlwind of doctrinal error which came from the Fatherland, has measurably ceased. The power of error "to hurt and destroy," was broken, when the rapid progress of Waldenstrom to Socinianism, left no doubt in the minds of devout men, what his teachings were. The prayerful study of the Holy Scriptures and the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church, a large edition of which was published, greatly aided in this direction, and breathed a new life into many congregations. The past year especially has been a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and distracted churches have both rest and establishment in the truth. In some instances, the unbelieving have been cast out, and among these was a once hopeful young pastor, while in many others, the truth as it is in Jesus, has brought the erring back to the fold.

In whatever aspect the work of the Augustana Synod is regarded, it is a most interesting and hopeful one. Of its 130 ministers, all but 28 have been ordained since the organization of the General Council. Already upwards of 300 churches have been gathered by its ministry, of which 226 have been organized since 1870, and those who are most conversant with the Swedish population in this country, its natural increase and its probable accessions from the Fatherland, do not hesitate to say, that an equal number of churches will yet be gathered in before a score of years. In many of these, there is an intelligence, an efficiency and a financial ability, which will be able to accomplish great things for Christ and for His Church. The contributions of their churches to benevolent objects during the past year amounted to $27,208.67, while $172,439.85 were contributed to local congregational expenses. The Synod spent over $4,000 in the work of Home Missions, and $7,000 in that of Education.

Revs. C. E. Lindberg and E. Carlson, and Messrs. J. F. Helin and J. A. Enander were elected delegates to this convention of the General Council, and their absence is greatly regretted.

CANADA SYNOD.

There are, at present, connected with this body 25 ministers, 45 congregations, 15 missions, 5711 communicants, and 42 Sunday Schools, with 258 teachers and 2,930 scholars. Two new churches were dedicated, one theological student ordained and seven pastors changed places. Two beneficiary students received assistance. The Canada Synod earnestly begs that more laborers be furnished for her vast Mission field. There is also a growing desire for a Theological Seminary. No action was taken in regard to the amendment to Sec. 2, Art. I. of the constitution of the General Council.

The next convention will be held at Waterloo, Ontario.

TEXAS SYNOD.

From a letter sent by the President of this body, we learn that in consequence of its straitened financial condition, the Texas Synod resolved not to send a delegate to this convention of the General Council, and respectfully asks to be excused from compliance with this duty. It now numbers 29 ministers, 29 congregations, several missions and 4,550 communicants. No traveling missionary is at present in the field, but one will be appointed as soon as possible. The project to establish a College has been temporarily abandoned. A new constitution is now under consideration. The amendment to Sec. 2, Art. I. of the constitution of the General Council was agreed to.

The next convention will meet at Frelsburg, Texas, on the third Sunday after Easter, 1880.

INDIANA SYNOD.

There has been but one meeting of this body since the last convention of the General Council. The minutes of the meeting at Colburn, Ind., in Sept., 1877, show that it has 15 ministers, 45 congregations, and 2,104 communicants. Most of the charges are small in membership, but large in territory. It is not at present in the power of the Indiana Synod to provide for the extensive mission field within its bounds: but it is doing its utmost to build up charges in places not already occupied by other Lutheran bodies. Many of the most flourishing cities of the State have no English Lutheran Church, and every year the establishment of churches becomes more difficult. A portion of the time was devoted to the discussion of theses on education.

This Synod approved the amendment to Sec. 2, Art. I. of the constitution of the General Council.

The next meeting will be held in the Alamo charge, Fountain co., Ind., Oct. 25th, 1879.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

The 18th annual convention of this Synod assembled in New Haven Church, Sullivan co., Tenn., on the 25th of Sept. last. It numbers 13 ministers, 27 congregations, and about 1800 communicants. Two

congregations were added during the year. The Synod is laboring to the extent of its ability in the work of Home Missions. Mosheim Institute received a large share of attention. Provision was made for doctrinal discussion at the next convention. No action was taken in regard to the amendment to Sec. 2, Art. I. of the constitution of the General Council.

Tuesday before the second Sunday in Sept., 1880, and Bethel church, Knox co., Tenn., were selected as the time and place for the next regular meeting.

Synods with Privilege of Debate.

IOWA SYNOD.

No report.

NORWEGIAN AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

The last meeting of this body was held at Rushford, Minn., June 4th, 1879. The interests of the Augustana Seminary, at Marshall, Wis., occupied much of its attention. This institution was attended during the year by 17 theological, and 70 academical students. The negotiations which were pending for several years between this body, and "Hauge's Synod" were terminated at the meeting at Neenah, Wis., in 1878, one of the demands of the latter body having been that the Norwegian Augustana Synod should dissolve all connection with the General Council. A committee is now laboring in the preparation of a new liturgy for the Synod. In the congregation in Milwaukee, Rev. Paul Anderson, pastor, English service is regularly held on Sunday evening, and the full order of the Church Book used, as also in the English Sunday School of the same congregations, the Sunday School Book of the General Council furnishes the service. An English service was held at the last meeting of Synod. The Synod numbers 18 ministers and over 70 congregations, 11 of which united with the Synod during the present year. About $1,900 were reported as contributed to various benevolent operations. The Synod supports a monthly paper, *Luthersk Kirketidende*. Rev. O. J. Hatlestadt, of Decorah, Iowa, is the President.

In view of the foregoing reports, your committee would respectfully offer the following statements and suggestions :

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

1. The proposed amendment to Sec. 2, Art. I of the constitution of the General Council not having received the approval of the requisite three-fourths of the District Synods, the section remains unchanged.

2. That the attention of the District Synods be again directed to this amendment, seeing that its failure to pass is the result merely of oversight on their part.

SECRETARIES OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

3. That it be made the duty of the Recording Secretaries of the District Synods to transmit, at the earliest possible date, copies of their Minutes to the Recording Secretaries of the General Council, for presentation to this body at its regular conventions.

STATISTICS.

4. The attention of the District Synods is directed to the importance of furnishing their published Minutes with full and accurate statistics.

JUNE 25TH, 1880.

5. That the General Council respectfully recommend that each of the District Synods take such action as their circumstances may render expedient and desirable, for a suitable commemoration of the seventh semi-centennial anniversary of the delivery of the Augsburg Confession, and the third centenary of the publication of the Book of Concord, June 25th, 1880.

CONSTITUTION OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

6. *Whereas,* Many of the District Synods have in course of preparation or under discussion new synodical constitutions, and,

Whereas, It is of the very first importance that there should be the greatest possible harmony in these instruments, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on constitutions of District Synods be instructed to finish and publish their work as soon as possible before the next regular convention of this body.

SYNOD OF TEXAS.

7. That the request of the Synod of Texas to be excused for not sending a delegate to this convention of the General Council be granted,

SAMUEL WAGENHALS,
S. KLINGMAN,
G. W. MECHLING,
FRED. SCHACK,
T. H. DIEHL,
ADAM BRABENDER, *Committee.*

Resolved, That the portion of the report giving summary of the proceedings of the Synods be referred to the secretaries for completion and amendment.

The recommendations were adopted, and the report adopted as a whole.

Constitution for Congregations.

Resolved, That the secretaries be instructed to have the Constitution for Congregations printed in the minutes, with the portions passed and

not passed indicated, and that 2000 extra copies in each language be printed.

Resolved, That any correction of the translation of the Constitution into German, be made by the committee that revised it.

Delegations to Next Convention.

Resolved, That the attention of the Districts Synods be called to the fact that it is desirable, that they take measures to secure the attendance of a full delegation and that to this end we recommend to the District Synods, the importance of making provision for the traveling expenses of its representatives.

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this convention that, in view of the amount of business pending, the delegates to the next convention should make their arrangements to spend a full week in session.

Immigrant Mission.

Resolved, That the committee on the New York Immigrant Mission consist of Revs. J. H. Baden, C. E. Lindberg, A. E. Frey, and G. W. Drees, and Messrs. J. Moller, C. Hauselt, C. Bellmer, and W. Hauff.

Home Missions.

Resolved, That while we have reason to be thankful for the work done in the Home Mission field, we earnestly call the attention of the District Synods, and of all their congregations to the greatness of the work that remains to be done, but which cannot be done without their earnest co-operation.

Resolved, That we affectionately urge it upon them, not only to adopt prompt measures, to cover the deficit in the treasury, but also to place in the hands of the committee of Home Missions the means necessary to carry on the missions already undertaken, as well as to explore and take possession of new fields.

Reorganization of Home Mission Work.

Resolved, That the Vice Presidents of the Council be a committee to examine whether any better plan for the conduct of the Home Mission work, than that now in operation be proposed.

Resolved, That those in charge of the Home Mission work in each Synod, be requested to furnish, the President of the Synod their views on the subject.

Resolved, That a meeting of this committee be held at the place of the next meeting of the Council, on the evening preceding the opening.

Ter-centenary of the Book of Concord.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to make arrangements for a proper celebration at the next convention of the Council of the ter-centenary anniversary of the publication of the Book of Concord.

By resolution the President and Dr. Spaeth were appointed this committee.

Votes of Thanks.

Resolved, That the Pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Zanesville be requested, at the next public session, to return the sincere thanks of the members of the General Council to the members of the congregation for their kind entertainment of the Council.

Resolved, That the Pastor be also requested to return thanks to other friends at Zanesville, and in its vicinity, for aiding in the entertainment of the Council.

Resolved, That the Secretaries write to the railroad companies and return the thanks of the Council for favors received.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be tendered the publishers of the daily papers at Zanesville, for the full reports of proceedings published by the same; and to Revs. D. M. Kemerer and W. A. Schaeffer for their services as reporters.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be tendered Louis L. Houpt, Esq., for his agency in securing favors from railroad companies.

Minutes.

The Secretaries were instructed to collect complete files of the minutes of the Council, and have them bound, for the use of delegates at the annual meetings.

It was resolved that one thousand copies of minutes be printed in English, and the same number in German.

The Theses on Pulpit and Altar Fellowship

were recommended to the consideration of the next convention of the General Council.

Adjournment.

The English minutes of the Ninth session were read and approved, and at 11.40 A. M., the Council adjourned, after singing from the 274th hymn of the English Church Book,

"A mighty fortress is our God,"

and prayer by the President.

HENRY E. JACOBS,

English Recording Secretary of the General Council.

APPENDIX A.

Report of the Immigrant Mission, October, 1877–1879.

The Committee of the General Council, having in charge the supervision of the Immigrant Mission in New York, hereby submits to the General Council, the following report of the Missionary, Rev. W. Berkemeier:

During the past two years, from Oct. 1877–'79, the mission, although contending with many difficulties, has also, by the gracious help from above, had many pleasant experiences.

As regards the difficulties, I would refer to the following facts:

1. It is to be regretted that in the General Council, the services of the missionary are not called for to a sufficient extent. In another body known to us, if any matter relating to emigration is to be attended to, either by persons traveling out of the country, or inducing others to come into it, the whole matter, even the purchase of the passage ticket, is confided to the missionary. This is not only of advantage to the travelers, but also to the mission. In the General Council the practice is different. The passage is generally intrusted to some worldly agent, who takes no further interest in his customers, except to start them off and to recommend them to some hotel. In this manner, we lose many people; for the outgoing travelers generally return in company with many others, who also pass by us. Even if some of them call on us, they do so only in order to find relief from all sorts of difficulties, into which they have already fallen. This, of course, we render gladly whenever we can.

2. Another difficulty arises from the reduced circumstances of many of the passengers. With very limited receipts for poor emigrants, we had to give 4,300 meals to poor persons, and board and lodging to 840 persons, for many days free of charge, and, in many cases, we also had to provide them with clothing, and with money for traveling expenses.

3. A third difficulty is caused by many young people who had received a good education at home, but who are helpless in practical life, such as merchants, clerks, lawyers, etc. Our main object has always been to obtain for them some suitable employment. Many country people who come from the plough, but have no means to travel, also give us no little trouble, since they stay with the mission for days and weeks.

I will speak no farther of difficulties which the mission experiences, from the hatred and opposition of the world; since this must be borne with patience. The object of this report is not to discourage, but to awaken diligence, earnestness and co-operation for our work, and to praise the help of Him who has assisted us. In looking on the other

side it is encouraging to us, that in spite of this the Immigrant Mission gains in favor from year to year. During the past two years about 8,000 persons have applied to us, who were greeted in the name of God, and have found protection and lodging and the necessary assistance for continuing their journey. For all this work the Emigrant House was an indispensably necessary institution. How could we have lodged these people, and where could we have preached to them God's Word, if not in a building erected for this purpose? What good would we have done to emigrants, if they were compelled to remain in the houses and under the influence of hotel-keepers? New passengers on their arrival are greeted immediately on landing in Castle Garden, where the missionary is regularly present at the discharge of the vessels. But almost all that can be done in this crowd of persons, often numbering over 500, is to distribute our circulars, and some Christian papers, or to exchange a hasty word with the emigrants, in addition to receiving the passengers already announced to us. Those who visit our house with confidence, are instructed to thank the Lord for his protection on the journey. In our daily morning and evening services, we consider their particular circumstances, and try to induce them to remain steadfast in the faith of their fathers. Most of them are Lutherans. Those who continue their journey, generally receive a recommendation to their place of destination. That the Word of God in these instances does not remain without effect, is in accordance with its own promise, "It shall not return unto me void." We have many encouraging testimonials concerning former inmates or guests of our house. We can safely assert that at least 280 adults, in consequence of our instructions, have joined our Church. One Israelite became a convert. I gave him instructions for a considerable time and baptized him, after he had made a good confession. We have baptized 7 children, married 19 couples, and had one burial.

In the Emigrant House the travelers are protected against bodily and spiritual injury and danger. Immediately on their arrival, they feel the Christian spirit reigning therein, and are required to conform to the good regulations of the house.

On the departure of the guests, it is our endeavor to send them and their baggage, by the cheapest and most direct route.

That the Immigrant Mission is of the greatest importance, cannot be denied; but it is equally certain, that more should be done for its advancement. I readily acknowledge my great shortcoming which may God pardon, but I cannot but request help and support in these great difficulties. God grant that my prayer shall not be in vain, and that our work may prosper to the glory of his name.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Berkemeier, Missionary.

The Immigrant Mission Committee in adopting the above report, acknowledge with great satisfaction the good services of our missionary, and express their hearty thanks for the gifts to them, by several congregations of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and by the Ministerium of New York.

Your committee respectfully submit the following proposition to the General Council:

1. That this General Council, through its District Synods, should urge the pastors to awaken and keep up in their respective congregations a lively interest in the Immigrant Mission.

2. That in consideration of the large number of poor persons thrown on the hands of our missions, our people ought to be encouraged to contribute towards the support of the mission.

3. With reference to the Emigrant House in New York, it is very desirable that our people should be more widely and fully informed of the existence of such a house, and of the great advantages it offers to travelers to and from Europe, and that they should avail themselves of the advantages offered by that institution.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee of the Lutheran Immigrant Mission in New York.

W. HAUFF, Secretary.

APPENDIX B.

CONSTITUTION, Recommended for Adoption by Evangelical Lutheran Congregations.

[The portions thus far adopted are printed in the type in which these lines are printed.]

IN THE NAME OT THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST.

We, members of the Church of Christ, forming a Congregation under the style and title [name of Congregation], [name of locality], unite in the establishment of the CONSTITUTION hereinafter following, as a statement of common rights, and a covenant of mutual duties as Christians, IN ORDER *to promote* our own growth in Holiness and to aid others in all things good; *to sustain* by the labor and gifts of love the pure Word and Sacraments as God's only appointed means for saving the lost and for edifying His people; and to *maintain* a discipline which shall aid in securing purity of doctrine, righteousness of life, and the peace and growth of the Church.

ARTICLE I.—1. This Congregation receives and adheres to the canonical books of the Old and New Testament, as the revealed Word of God

and the only rule of faith and life, and to the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, especially the unaltered Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Catechism, as a correct and faithful exposition of the Divine Word, to which rule and confessions all instructions in the Church, the schools and family shall be conformed, and by which all questions of doctrine shall be decided; and with which all books of worship and instruction in the congregation shall accord.

2. It shall be in union with a Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, whose doctrinal basis is in accordance with Art. I, 1, and IV, 3, of this Constitutton.

ARTICLE II.—1. This Congregation shall consist of the Pastor or Pastors, and other members of the Church of Christ, who have been baptized and admitted to the Lord's Supper, and who unite themselves as one communion under this Constitution, by accepting the same and conforming to the duties it enjoins; and also such baptized members of their households as have not yet reached the years of separate responsibility, and are subject by God's ordinance to their control, as parents or guardians.

2. All these members, so far as their years and spiritual fitness allow, have a *right* to the means of Grace provided for in the Congregation, and to the faithful observance towards them of the duties which pastors, officers and other members of the Church owe one to another.

3. It is the duty of all members of the Congregation to be steadfast in the baptismal covenant, and if they be parents or guardians, early to bring the children under their care within the same, presenting them for Holy Baptism, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, to urge their attendance upon the catechetical instruction of the pastor, and their preparation for the rite of confirmation and the Lord's Supper. As they grow in years they are to grow in the knowledge and grace of God, diligently to study Holy Scripture, and use devout books which accord with it, to seek the light and aid of the Holy Spirit and all other needful gifts, by fervent prayer, to examine themselves, to receive the Lord's Supper faithfully, and if possible, whenever it is celebrated, and regularly to use the ordinances of public, family and private devotion. They should be temperate in all things, should avoid all associations of an infidel or dubious kind, or which claim for themselves what God has given to His Church alone, should love and aid each other, and especially the needy and distressed, in every relation; and while they have regard to the household of faith even in things secular, should care for the souls and bodies of men everywhere. They should avoid all false teachers, and love, reverence, pray for, and heartily sustain faithful ministers; and should in all things be conformed to the mind and example of our most blessed Master and Saviour.

ARTICLE III.—1. Every male member of the Congregation, not under Church censure, twenty-one years of age, who, as he conscientiously judges God hath prospered him, regularly contributes in accordance with its plans

of local support, and general beneficence, shall be entitled to take active part in all its *meetings*, and to *vote* at all its elections.

The voters of the Congregation, inasmuch as they act as the representatives of common rights, should duly weigh the wants, convictions and wishes of all members of the Congregation.

2. Congregational Meetings shall be held regularly, as the Congregation may determine, and Special Meetings shall be called by the Church Council at the request of the Pastor, or of a majority of the Council, or of one-third of the voters, submitted in writing, with a statement of the object and with their signatures, to the Pastor, or during a vacancy, to the Council. They shall be duly announced, with a statement of their object, and shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.

3. At Congregational Meetings any questions connected with the welfare of the Congregation may be discussed, information called for from the Pastor, Council, or others; and business attended to, as ordered in the Constitution and By-laws.

4. The Congregation has power to appoint *Special Committees* with definite or general instructions, to permit the organization of approved societies within itself, subject to its control, to elect or authorize the Council to elect delegates to Synod from the number of legal voters; and to attend to all business for which it has not made other provision in the Constitution.

ARTICLE IV.—1. The permanent and ordinary offices of the Congregation shall be the Pastorate and the Diaconate.

2. The *Chief Officers* of the Christian Congregation are named in the New Testament: Pastors or Shepherds, Bishops, Presbyters, or Elders, and as they that have the rule in the Lord, all which names designate one and the same class of officers, whose dignity, rights and general duties are under Divine appointment the same, and are inalienable and unchangeable.

3. Every pastor of this Congregation must, at his ordination or installation, be obligated to the Confession of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, namely: the Apostles, the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, the Augsburg Confession, the Apology, the Smalcald Articles, the Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, and solemnly promise to perform the duties of his office in conformity with the same, as a pure and correct presentation of the doctrine of Holy Scripture. He shall be or become a member of the Synod with which the Congregation is united. He shall sign the Constitution of this Congregation, and faithfully carry out the duties it assigns him.

4. It shall be the duty of the Pastor, as the *Teacher* and *Spiritual* guide of the flock, prayerfully to study, and to hold and teach the pure truth of God's Word, and to set, in public and private, an example of unfeigned holiness, sound judgment and propriety.

He shall conduct the public service of God's House on the Sundays and other festival days of the Church; shall permit no one to occupy the pulpit of whose soundness in the faith confessed by the Lutheran Church, there is reason to doubt; shall carefully give instruction to the young, and all

others needing it, in the Catechism; shall watch over the Sunday School, and other schools of the Church; shall confirm those, who having been duly instructed, give satisfactory evidence that they are earnestly desirous of being faithful followers of Christ. He shall baptize publicly, except in special cases, and all private baptisms shall be publicly announced. He shall administer the Lord's Supper to all those of whose desire to come to it he has been notified, unless he be satisfied of their unfitness, either as to faith or life, as also, if he shall judge best, to members unable from age or sickness, to come to the House of God. He shall be active in the work of a Pastor, most of all among the poor, the sick, the sorrowing, and all those whose spiritual estates demands his care. He shall perform the marriage ceremony in strict accordance with the laws of the State and of God; shall earnestly urge and carry out the discipline; shall promote all wise plans of Christian beneficence and effort; and shall labor to prevent all deadness and fanaticism, all schism, heresy, separation and alienation in the Congregation.

5. It shall be the duty of the Pastor, as an officer of the Church, to preside at all meetings of the Council and the Congregation, unless he be voluntarily absent, or is temporarily unwilling for special reasons to preside, in either of which cases he shall have the right, if he so desires, of nominating a person from the Officers of the Church to take his place.

All public statements of excommunication and restoration shall be made by him, and no excommunication or restoration shall be pronounced which he conscientiously believes to be contrary to God's law and the discipline of this Church. No official act of the Council or Congregation shall take effect without his knowledge, and his having an opportunity of being heard; and during a vacancy in the pastorate, or in the involuntary, or necessary absence of the Pastor, no business in the Congregation or Council shall be finally disposed of, of such a character that the Pastor as a chief officer of the Church has a right to be heard in it.

6. Charges against a Pastor of heresy, immorality, or of other causes of unfitness for his office, shall not be received by any member except in the presence of two or three members of the Congregation, competent to be witnesses. If these thus hearing a charge regard it as, for any reason, of importance, they shall make it known to the Pastor. If in conference with the Pastor, he or they shall think it necessary, it shall be laid before the Church Council. If the Council, its member ripest in years presiding temporarily, shall regard it best, after an investigation, in which the Pastor shall have the fullest rights of a hearing, the case shall be laid before the President of Synod, to be acted upon in accordance with the Synodical Constitution,

7. The pastor shall keep a *record* of his ministerial acts in the Con-

gregation in a book to be by them provided, and remain their property. He shall make a full record of the Baptisms, infant and adult, of Confirmations, of the times of Communion, and the number of Communicants, with a complete list of the same, of persons received from other Congregations, and of persons honorably dismissed, of persons excommunicated and of the time of their restoration, and of marriages, burials, and other items which he shall deem of importance, in the history of the Congregation. All these shall be so recorded that, if necessary, they may be available as legal evidence.

8. When there is a *vacancy* in the Pastorate, the Council shall inform the President of the Synod, and solicit his advice, shall see to the supply of the pulpit, shall nominate, after prayerful examination, a candidate who is eligible, according to Art. IV, 3, and who has the necessary gifts, bodily and spiritual purity of Christian character, sound judgment and personal activity. One candidate only shall be nominated at one time, to be voted for or against, by the electors specified in Art. III, 1, and the election and its returns shall be under the care of judges.

9. When a Pastor has been elected by a majority of the legal voters, an official written statement of this fact, signed by the officers of the Church, shall be sent him, and this shall constitute his *call,* and should specify the support guaranteed him.

ARTICLE V.—1. The *Deacons* are primarily the executive aids of the Pastors in the work of Christ for and in the Congregation, and may have assigned them any duties, in keeping with this object, and with the divine and unchangeable duties and rights of the people and of the Pastors. They must be regular communicants, of good and established repute for personal character, wisdom and energy. They shall be installed, with the laying on of the Pastor's hands. They may elect from their number a Treasurer and Secretary, and, if needed, assistants to both.

2. Their *duties* are of such a nature as to leave the Pastor, as nearly as may be, unobstructed time and energy for the directly spiritual part of his official work, and also to aid him in that work by their counsels and coöperation. They shall attend to the collection and disbursing of moneys, given by the Congregation for the relief of the poor, and for the objects of Christian beneficence; shall see that the Pastor has a sufficient salary and that it be promptly paid; that the House of God be kept in repair, and in a condition fitting the Sanctuary of the Most High; that it be opened and prepared for public services at the times appointed, and that proper sextons and others of like functions be provided; that strangers or occasional attendants be courteously received; that it be not diverted to any uses alien to its character; that the proper vessels and elements be provided for the Sacraments; that the graveyard and all other property be secured to the Congregation in conformity with the law, and be placed under the proper regulations; and that in common with all the members, yet preëminently

they, be ready to take part, especially at the call of the Pastor, in the visitation and care of the sick, the needy, the bereaved, and the distressed, and in the maintenance of pure discipline and a holy life in the Congregation, most of all by being themselves ensamples of all good works.

ARTICLE VI.—1. The *Council* of the Church consists of the Pastor or Pastors and the Deacons, as the constitutional executive officers of the Congregation. Trustees required by law for the holding of Church property, may be chosen from the Council.

2. *Senior members of the Church,* men regarded by common consent as of long approved character for piety and wisdom, shall be consulted by the Pastor and Council, especially in serious cases of discipline, and may be invited, or by a resolution of the Congregation in any special case, may be nominated, to be present and give their advice at the meeting of the Council at which it is to be determined.

ARTICLE VII.—1. Inasmuch as the care of the *young* is one of the most important duties of the Congregation, the religious education of the children of the Church should be provided for, not only at home, but in good schools, and Church members should avoid all schools under Roman Catholic, heretical or infidel influence, or which are of a negative character.

2. *Sunday Schools and Parochial Schools* shall be under the control of the Congregation, and their constitution and acts are to be subject to its discipline and direction.

ARTICLE VIII.—1. The Congregation is not only to acknowledge the obligations of God's law as a guide of life, and a corrector of evil, but is faithfully to use it, in discipline for these ends. The discipline of the Church must be purely moral and spiritual, and in no case can pass beyond the withholding of her recognition, fellowship and communion from offenders.

2. Violation of the Divine commands should be followed by instruction, warnings and exhortation by a member to whom the wrong is known, or by the Pastor, first privately, then before witnesses. This failing of its proper effect, the case shall be laid before the Church, as represented in the Pastor and other officers of the Congregation, and if the offender persistently refuses to hear the Church, he shall be suspended from the communion till there be credible evidence of true penitence and reformation. Acts of discipline and the publication of them, shall require the concurrence of the Pastor and Deacons, who by the authority of the Church and in its name shall examine charges bronght by reliable witnesses against the conduct of members. The charges against a member shall be given to him in writing; he is entitled to be present through the whole actual procedure against him, and has the right of being heard and producing testimony in his own defence. The suspension and restoration may be publicly announced,

where the scandal has been very great and open. Questions of appeal from the decision in the discipline of the Congregation shall be referred in accordance with the Constitution of the Synod with which it is connected.

ARTICLE IX.—1. By-Laws, not in conflict with the Letter or spirit of the Constitution, may be made by each Congregation, to provide an order of business, to fix the time and place for announcing and holding Congregational Meetings and Elections, and the way of conducting both; to determine the proportion which shall constitute a quorum; to fix the age at which men may be chosen as Deacons, and the length of the time of service, whether for life or for a limited term; to establish and direct Parochial and Sunday Schools; to fix the details of procedure in the discipline of members; to regulate the making and changing of the By-Laws themselves, and in general to conduct all things, whose general principles and methods are defined in the Constitution, but whose details are undetermined.

2. *Amendments of this Constitution,* not in conflict with its fundamental principles as defined in Article I, 1, and IV, 3, may be made by the Congregation, by a vote of two-thirds of its legal voters, after due announcement and deliberation.

The following was stricken from its original place and is reserved for future action:

"Shall allow nothing in the music of the Church in conflict with devotion."

STATISTICS OF THE DISTRICT SYNODS.

SYNODS	Organized.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Time and Place of Next Convention.
1. Ministerium of Pennsylvania	1748	199	383	79 383	Trinity Sunday, 1880, Lancaster, Pa.
2. Ministerium of New York	1787	69	65	25,209	June 3rd, 1880, Canajoharie, N. Y.
3. Pittsburgh Synod	1845	72	145	11.994	August 25th, 1880, Adamsburg, Pa.
4. District Synod of Ohio	1857	32	72	7,000	September, ——, 1880, Lima, O.
5. Michigan Synod	1858	25	43	4,600	October 10th, 1880, Ann Arbor, Mich.
6. Augustana Synod (Swedish)	1860	130	313	40,154	June 17th, 1880, Des Moines, Iowa.
7. Canada Synod	1861	25	45	5.711	June 9th, 1880, Waterloo, Ontario.
8. Texas Synod	1851	29	25	4,550	April 18th, 1880, Frelsburg, Texas.
9. Indiana Synod	1871	15	45	2,104	
10. Holston Synod	1861	13	27	1.800	September 7th, 1880, Bethel Church, Knox Co., Tenn.
1. German Synod of Iowa	1854	135	230	17,700	
2. Norwegian Augustana Synod	1860	18	70	7.000	June 3rd, 1880, Clinton, Wis.
		762	1467	207,205	

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTEENTH CONVENTION

OF THE

GENERAL COUNCIL

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MINUTES.

The Thirteenth Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, was held in Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greensburg, Pa., Rev. W. F. Ulery, pastor. It was opened with divine service on Thursday, Oct. 21st, 1880, at 10.30 A. M. The opening sermon was preached, in the absence of the President, Rev. C. P. Krauth, D. D., LL. D., by the English Recording Secretary, Rev. H. E. Jacobs, from Rom. 8 : 28–30 ; after which the Holy Communion was administered.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, Oct. 21st, 2 P. M.

In the absence of the President, the first Vice-President, present Rev. W. A. Passavant, D. D., presided at the first business session, until the election of officers.

The exercises were opened with the singing of Hymn 316 of the Church Book, and prayer by Rev. J. Kohler. Rev. Dr. Moldehnke was elected German Recording Secretary *pro tempore.*

The list of Synods was then called, the certificates of delegates handed in, and their names entered on the

Roll of the Council.

I. GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA AND ADJACENT STATES.

Ministers.	Laymen.
A. Spaeth, D. D.,	W. H. Staake, Esq.,
B. M. Schmucker, D. D.,	H. Lehman,
J. A. Seiss, D. D.,	L. L. Houpt,
H. E. Jacobs, D. D.,	T. H. Diehl,
F. J. F. Schantz,	G. H. Möller,

Ministers.	Laymen.
S. Laird,	A. W. Potteiger,
J. Kohler,	C. F. Kopitsch.
J. B. Rath,	
J. J. Kuendig,	
F. Wischan,	
G. A. Hinterleitner,	
F. W. Weiskotten.	

II. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND ADJACENT STATES AND COUNTRIES.

E. F. Moldehnke, Ph., D.,	W. A. Schmitthenner,
J. H. Baden,	F. A. Stohlman.
W. Hoppe,	
E. Hoffman.	

III. PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

W. A. Passavant, D. D.,	A. Lange, M. D.,
E. Belfour,	A. Brabender,
J. B. Fox,	M. D. Baker,
J. A. Scheffer,	S. Mowl,
J. Sarver,	J. Long.
W. F. Ulery.	

IV. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

G. W. Mechling,	A. Trout.
E. Smith,	Hon. G. W. Overmyer,
S. L. Harkey,	M. Keffer, Sr.

V. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.

C. L. Eberhard.

VI. SCANDINAVIAN AUGUSTANA SYNOD (SWEDISH).

Prof. O. Olsson,	J. P. Samuelson,
E. Carlson,	A. Lindblad.
C. O. Hultgren.	

VII. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CANADA.

C. F. Spring,	H. Vandersmissen.

VIII. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF TEXAS.

H. Merz.

IX. INDIANA SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

J. G. M. Hursch,
R. E. McDaniel.

X. HOLSTON SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

J. K. Hancher,

With Privilege of Debate

I. GERMAN SYNOD OF IOWA.

Prof. S. Fritschel, D. D.

II. NORWEGIAN-DANISH AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

O. Andrewson, *a. e.*, A. A. Klove, *a. e.*

Other Clergyman Present.

The names of the following visiting clerygymen "who are with this body in the unity of the faith as defined in its Fundamental Principles," were handed to the Secretaries:

Rev. D. Earhart,
" J. K. Melhorn,
" G. H. Gerberding,
" R. M. Zimmerman,
" J. Rechsteiner,
" F. C. E. Lemcke,
" Geo. Weber,
" J. W. Myers,
" J. J. Kuntz,
" J. C. Kunzman,
" G. W. Critchlow,
" I. K. Paulson,
" A. H. Bartholemew,
" H. L. McMurray,
" J. Q. Waters,

Rev. A. D. Potts,
" W. O. Wilson,
" J. H. A. Kitzmiller,
" J. S. Fink,
" S. W. Kuhns,
" J. M. Hantz,
" V. B. Christy,
" S. Munsch,
" P. Doerr,
" J. S. Lawson,
" J. Fishburn,
" J. Müller,
" C. Jaeckel,
" J. D. Roth.

Messrs. H. Vandersmissen, W. A. Schmitthenner and L. L. Haupt were appointed tellers to conduct the election of officers.

A letter was read from the President, Rev. C. P. Krauth, D. D., LL. D., which by resolution of the Council is entered upon the minutes.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 18th, 1880.

To the General Council of the Ev. Lutheran Church in N. A.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN :—For the first time since the organization of the General Council I find it out of my power to meet with it. The special Providence which gave me the privilege of visiting the land of our fathers during the past summer, has also seemed to put it out of my power, without neglect of pressing duties, to leave home at this time. I deeply regret that such is the case. I have felt it to be a priceless benefit and pleasure to meet the brethren in an assembly whose deliberations were all in the interest which is so sacred to our hearts. For a number of years you have continued to renew to me the honor of presiding over your deliberations, and have given me so many tokens of your confidence and sympathy that I can command no language adequate to express my gratitude for your kindness.

I visited the convention of the General Synod South at Richmond, Va., in conformity with your appointment, conveyed your message of friendly regard, and received from that body every personal kindness. As chairman of the Committee on the Constitution for synods, I had been able to make a beginning of a draft to be submitted to the Committee, but the summer months which were essential to its completion have been absorbed in the visit to Europe.

The report of the Committee on the Tercentenary of the Book of Concord will be presented by Dr. Spaeth.

I close with the fervent prayer that the blessings of our covenant God may rest on the General Council, as a body, and may descend in the richest measure of good gifts, temporal and eternal, upon the pastors and congregations whom it unites in the holy bonds of Christian fraternity.

CHARLES P. KRAUTH.

The roll of synods was then called and papers intended for the consideration of the Council handed in.

It was resolved to hold the business sessions from 9–12 in the morning, and from 2–5 in the afternoon.

The business of Foreign Missions was made the special order for Friday afternoon, and it was resolved to hold a Foreign Missionary meeting on Friday evening.

The constitution for congregations was made the special order for Friday and Saturday mornings.

The tellers reported the election of the following officers:

German Recording Secretary, REV. E. F. MOLDEHNKE, PH. D.
English Recording Secretary, REV. H. E. JACOBS.
English Corresponding Sec'y, REV. B. M. SCHMUCKER, D. D.

Swedish Corresponding Sec'y, Rev. Prof. O. Olsson.
Treasurer ..... W. H. Staake.

The consideration of the Theses on Pulpit and Altar Fellowship was made the special order for Monday morning.

It was resolved to refer the minutes of the last convention to a committee to report at as early an hour as possible.

The presence of Rev. I. K. Paulson, one of the Foreign Missionaries of the General Council, was announced.

The English Recording Secretary reported that owing to the great expense which it would incur, he had not complied with the direction of the Council at the last meeting, to employ a stenographer. It was resolved that his action be approved.

Revs. Laird and Schantz were appointed a committee to secure proper reports of the proceedings of the Council in the papers.

The tellers announced the result of the second ballot:

President..... Rev. Prof. A. Spaeth, D. D., who on taking the chair briefly addressed the Council.

Saturday afternoon was assigned to the consideration of Home Mission Business, and Saturday evening to the public exercises with reference to the same work.

Mr. E. C. Koerner, President of the New York Emigrant House Association, presented the report of the missionary of the Immigrant Mission in New York, and of the Executive Committee of the Emigrant House Association. The report was referred to a committee consisting of Revs. G. W. Mechling, C. F. Spring and J. J. Kuendig, and Messrs. G. H. Möller, H. Lehman and H. Lindblad to prepare an abstract for publication and propose action.

The tellers announced the result of the third ballot:

German Corresponding Sec'y,... Rev. F. W. Weiskotten.

The following additional committees were appointed:

Minutes of last Convention: Revs. J. B. Rath, J. H. Baden and I. Sarver, Mr. S. Mowl and A. Lange, M. D.

Minutes of District Synods: Revs. E. Carlson, E. Belfour and F. W. Weiskotten, and Messrs. A. W. Potteiger and M. Keffer, Sr.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. H. Baden.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, Oct. 22d, 9 A. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. Sarver. The German minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer, W. H. Staake, Esq., presented a synopsis of his report. It was received and referred to an auditing committee consisting of Hon. G. W. Overmyer. F. A. Stohlman, and G. H. Möller . It was resolved to accept the auditing of the Foreign Mission Account, by the executive committee on Foreign Missions.

An appeal of Rev. P. Born from the Pittsburgh Synod was referred to a committee consisting of Revs. G. Fritchel, D. D., and B. M. Schmucker, D. D., and Hon. G. W. Overmyer, to ascertain whether it should be considered.

An appeal for aid for Home Missionary work in California was referred to the executive committee on Home Missions.

A communication from Rev. R. Neumann was referred to the committee on Immigrant Mission.

The Council then proceeded to the special order, the consideration of the constitution for congregations, beginning with Art. IV. Sec. 5.

It was resolved that the English be regarded the standard test, and that the German be made to conform therewith.

Pending the consideration of Sec. 5., adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. L. Eberhard.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, Oct. 22d, 2 P. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. J. Kuendig.

The English Minutes were read and approved.

The Council proceeded to the special order, the consideration of the Foreign Missionary work. Rev. Dr. Schmucker presented

Annual Report of the Committee for Foreign Missions.

The Committee have usually met, during the past year once a month and have also had several special meetings ; they have had fifteen meetings. They were instructed to appoint some Swedish pastor in or near Philadelphia as a member of the Committee. It was not possible to do this fully until after the ordination of Rev. Mr. Petri, when he was appointed and has attended the last three meetings. Mr. L. Westergaard, Norwegian Consul at Phila., was unable to be absent from his office at the time when the meetings of the Committee were held, and therefore could not serve. Rev. W. A. Schaeffer having removed to Chicago, Rev. Dr. C. W. Schaeffer was appointed and consented to fill the vacancy.

MISSIONARIES.

Revs. H. C. Schmidt and A. B. Carlson have continued to labor in the mission throughout the year. Rev. I. K. Poulsen has been compelled to seek the restoral of his health and that of his family by a return home. Rev. H. G. B. Artman and wife are expected to reach the mission in this month. The native pastors, N. Paulus and T. Joseph have been diligently and steadily at work. We would report specially as to each.

REV. H. C. SCHMIDT

is now in the 41st year of his age, having been born at Hensburg, Schleswig, May 25, 1840. After his ordination by the Ministerium of Penna., May 25, 1869, and a short pastorate at Carlisle, Pa., he set out for India in March 1870, and arrived at the mission Aug. 4th in that year. He has therefore labored for over ten years in India without interruption. His health, and that of his family, was so much improved by last year's long stay in the mountains and highlands, that he has been able to labor with greatly increased strength. The wisdom of an occasional visit to the mountains for a few months in the sickly season is well demonstrated ; the necessity of a return home is often thus postponed for several years. The oversight of the Christian villages has for several years been divided between Revs. Schmidt and Poulsen. During a large part of last year it rested on Bro. Poulsen ; since his return it has rested on Bro. Schmidt. He has now this oversight of the whole field and the care of the congregation at Rajahmundry and of its services in Telugu. During much of this year he has also had charge of the school there, and during the summer, of the erection of a new mission dwelling.

REV. IVER K. POULSEN

Was born Sept. 24, 1846, at Ringkjöbing, Denmark, educated at the Mission School at Copenhagen, and secured for our mission, as was also Bro. Schmidt, through the zeal of Father Grönning, to whom our

Mission owes so much, whose interest continues unabated, and whose wise counsels at every stage of our work have been of great advantage. Bro. Poulsen left Europe for India in the fall of 1870, and arrived at the Mission in Jan. 1871. The nine years of his stay in India have worked severely on his health and that of his children. In July 1879, he had a very severe attack of typhus fever which brought him nigh to death and made us fear the loss of his labors for our Mission. After this attack he was unable to get rid of malarial fever and his physicians certified that nothing but removal from the country for a year or two could restore him. His return home was therefore approved and he left the Mission in March last for Denmark. He arrived safely at Copenhagen in the beginning of June, and in August came to this country, being granted a free passage on a Danish emigrant steamer, on which he served as Chaplain. It has afforded the committee and many friends much pleasure to see our beloved Missionary face to face. Since his arrival he has been constantly occupied in visiting the meeting of Conferences and many Congregations. Thus far he has been chiefly in Pennsylvania, but during the remainder of his stay he hopes to visit other regions.

REV. A. B. CARLSON.

Was born at Dœderhult in Sweden. After completing his studies at the Seminary at Philadelphia, he was ordained June 16, by the Swedish Augustana Synod, sent out, June 24, 1878, and arrived in India Jan. 1879. As he is only in his second year in India, most of his time has been devoted to the acquisition of the language. He spent some time last fall and winter in visits among the villages. He took charge of English services at Rajahmundry, for which Church Books were sent out, he met Bible classes at Rajahmundry and Dowlaishwaram. Having been specially charged with the future care of schools and their enlargement, he started in March on a visit to divers older Mission Stations to examine their modes of operation, from which he returned in June. Since then he has had a severe attack of fever and been much reduced in strength. We hope soon to receive from him a carefully arranged plan for the enlargement and conduct of our schools which he has been asked to prepare and submit to the other Missionaries and to the Committee.

REV. HORACE G. B. ARTMAN.

It is with great joy that we report the sending out of another Missionary. In Feb. last H. G. B. Artman, student in the Seminary at Phila., was called to work in our Mission and accepted the call. He was ordained by the Ministerium of Penna. on our call, May 26, at Lancaster. A special meeting was held in St. Mark's, Phila., of which Mr. and Mrs. Artman were members, at which they were sent out to their work. The services were of deep interest to the large assemblage

of pastors, students, and friends of our Mission and of the young Missionaries soon to depart. Mr. Artman was born at Zionsville, Lehigh Co., Pa., Sept. 23d, 1857, lived and was educated in Phila., and confirmed by Rev. J. A. Kunkleman. He was united in marriage, June 8th, by Rev. S. Laird, to Miss Lizzie M. Vaux. They left Phila. July 7th, under instructions to reach the Mission early in Oct. When last heard from they had safely reached Alexandria on their way out.

REV. T. JOSEPH.

The older of our native Pastors was born at Guntur in 1839, the year preceding that in which Father Heyer went to India to begin the Telugu mission of which Guntur was the centre. He attended the school established by Father Heyer, beginning at 7 years of age. He was confirmed in 1852 by Rev. Mr. Grönning and afterward lived in the family of Rev. Mr. Snyder. He was taken by him and Father Heyer to Rajahmundry and in 1856, when Mr. Heyse took charge, was employed as Catechet and continued in the service of our mission from that time until the present. After many years of faithful service, on the recommendation of all the living missionaries with whom he had labored, he was ordained by the Missionaries, Christmas 1878, under instructions from the Ministerium of Penna., with which he is now in connection. He was placed in charge of the Christian villages, chiefly north of the Godavery, which have been united in the Jagurupad District. Of the villages and schools under his care an account will be given. He has resided at Jagurupad and from this centre has visited in his District. Some of his reports have appeared in our mission papers.

REV. N. PAULUS

was born in 1842 in the Palnaud where Father Heyer was the first to bring glad tidings of the Saviour, and where the results of missionary labor have been so extraordinary. His parents were among those who turned to Christ, and he was baptized when a child by Father Heyer in the village of Pollepali. Joseph's uncle was the first convert in the Palnaud and became teacher there. Joseph lived with Father Heyer, following him to Guntur and Rajahmundry, and after his return was taken by Bro. Grönning. He grew up and was educated under the care of our missionaries and employed as Colporteur and then Catechist. While our mission was without any missionary he and Joseph had charge of it, and when Father Heyer was again sent out to renew the mission they were employed again and were together ordained on call and under arrangements as in Joseph's case. Paulus lives at Velpur and has charge of that District chiefly south of the Godavery.

MISSION STATIONS.

RAJAHMUNDRY DISTRICT. (REVS. SCHMIDT, POULSEN AND CARLSON.)

We greatly regret that the reports from the missionaries from which

an accurate and satisfactory account could be prepared have not yet been received and we have been compelled to gather scattered items from letters and to depend on the memory of Bro. Poulsen as to the period before his leaving.

1. *Rajahmundry.* *a.* Property. The mission owns two compounds, the largest of which is occupied by the Church and the Mission House, and in one corner there are also three dwellings in which the teachers and catechists reside. This compound is thought by Bro. Poulsen to be of about once and a half the length and three-fourths the width of a Phila. square. In the growth of the place its neighborhood is becoming more fully occupied by the houses of natives of low class and filthy habits, and less healthful than formerly.

The other compound is much smaller, and opposite the narrow end of the first; on this are the dwellings occupied by Bro. Poulsen and the boarding house for the boys. This compound is so closely and unwholesomely surrounded that it should no longer be used as a dwelling place for a foreign missionary, though well adapted for school purposes.

In addition to these two properties, Bro. Schmidt has been authorized to erect a new dwelling for a missionary on a lot purchased by him some years ago, which lies on the bank of the river, contains 4 acres, is near to the chief buildings of Europeans and deemed as healthful and desirable a location as is to be found. The erection of the house at the cost of the mission is authorized on the condition of the sale or secural to the mission of so much of the ground as shall be needed.

b. Congregation. Sunday services in Telugu are held in St. Paul's Church, at 7 A. M. in the hot season, and 8 A. M. in the cold season; and at 4 P. M. English service was held by Bro. Carlson, when present, before the Telugu service in the morning. Sunday School at 3 P. M., superintended by Mrs. Carlson, assisted by James and William. Morning prayer is held in the church each week day before the opening of the school and is attended by the teachers, scholars and some others. This was conducted by Joseph and Paulus while they lived here, now by Bro. Schmidt. An English service is held on Wednesday at 7 P. M.

At these services, when in English, the Church Book and Sunday School Book of the Council are used; at the Telugu services the Missionaries have used the service of the Church of England with material omissions and modifications, made by the older Lutheran Missionaries, and now familiar to the people. So soon as the Church Book in Telugu is printed it will be used.

In lack of more recent statistics we can only say that in Aug. 1879 there were in this congregation 86 baptized Christians, of whom 44 were communicants.

c. The School. The school occupies two rooms adjoining and connected with the new church in the mission grounds, or compound, as it is called. The school has been reconstructed and much enlarged in its range during this year. There was formerly but one teacher employed, but there are now three teachers.

Teachers.—1. James, who studied at our Mission School and then attended the Government College, where he graduated. He was educated at the cost of Rev. J. B. Fox, of Emlenton, Pa. He was for a time Mr. Carlson's Telugu teacher. He is married to a daughter of Rev. Paulus. 2. F. V. Ratnam, who was teacher in a Government School at Peravaram, and is of high caste. The story of his conversion to Christianity, and of the persecutions which he had to endure has been fully told, and is very touching. He was betrothed, after Hindu fashion, to a girl when a child. She is now thirteen years old, but he has not been allowed to see her since he became a Christian. 3. Lizzie, a sister of William and daughter of Henry, a worthy Christian, who is head warden of the jail.

Scholars.—There were twenty-three scholars before the reorganization, but as those who then attended the Municipal School have returned, the number is now larger. Of these, three-fourths, at least, are boys.

Course of Instruction.—We have not yet learned what the enlarged course is, but when there was but one teacher the following studies were pursued: In the First Class, Bible History, Scripture Lessons (N. T.), Luther's Catechism, Fourth Book in Telugu, Telugu Poetry, Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic, Writing. In the Second Class, Section A, Reading in Second Book in Telugu, Catechism, O. T. Scripture Lessons, Arithmetic, Writing; Section B, First Book in Telugu, Multiplication Table; Section C, A B C Lessons. The Telugu language alone is used; more advanced students at the Government School learn English, also.

Costs of Education.—Most of the scholars are children of the Christian families in and near Rajahmundry, and live at home, and all receive instruction without charge. Those who are selected by the missionaries, to be educated for the work of the Mission, as teachers and catechists, live in a house near that occupied by Mr. Paulsen, and within its compound. They are under the care of an aged Christian man, and are boarded and clothed at a cost of three rupees a month; books and other school materials cost about ten rupees a year. The whole expense of each scholar while at the Mission School is about twenty dollars a year.

When scholars have completed the course of study, they are sent to the Government College, continuing still to board in the Mission house. The charge for tuition is $6, $12, $15 a year, according to the grade; the books, &c., needed cost $5 to $10. Their clothing is also

somewhat more expensive. The whole cost of a scholar at the Government School is $34, $45, or $50, according to the grade.

Sessions and Services.—The sessions of the Mission School are 8 to 11 A. M., and 2 to 5 P. M. One hour during the noon recess is devoted to sewing, which is taught to both boys and girls, Mrs. Carlson usually teaching them.

The scholars who attend the Government School receive daily religious instruction for an hour or more from one of the missionaries.

Connected with Rajahmundry and ministered to by the Missionaries there are,

2. *Dowlaiswaram.* The Christian families here are visited and service held in their houses; they are connected with the Church at Rajahmundry, five miles distant, and usually attend these. There is at present no school there, but it is intended soon to occupy this large place which would be a convenient residence for a Missionary in charge of part of the field. There are four Christian families.

3. *Peddahem,* 10 m. from Raj. Here there is a school of which Lazarus is teacher.

4. *Gowrapatnam,* 5 m. from Peddahem. This place has been regularly visited by Lazarus, but Matthew has this year been stationed there as teacher.

5. *Metta,* 2 m. from Peddahem. There has not been a school here unless lately started. The Christians are visited by Lazarus.

6. *Potavaram,* 40 m. from Raj. at foot of hills. A strong desire to have a school established has here shown itself and Jagirn was sent as teacher, but was afterward removed. Whether another teacher has been sent we have not learned.

VELPUR DISTRICT. (REV. N. PAULUS, PASTOR).

1. *Velpur,* Aug. 1879, there were 34 baptized Christians, 20 communicants, Malas, 9 scholars in the school. H. Alfred is teacher.

2. *Mallipudi,* 10 Chr., 4 com., 6 scholars, Malas, E. Johann, teacher.

3. *Battumùggulur,* Malas, 22 scholars, K. Prakasham, teacher.

4. *Jugganathpùram,* Chucklers, (shoemakers) 20 Chr., 11 com., 6 scholars, C. Matthew, teacher.

5. *Mahádevapatnam,* Malas, 14 Chr., 6 com., 6 scholars, N. Stephen, teacher.

6. *Agratipálam,* 18 Chr., 6 com.

In all these villages there are Christians and services are held by Paulus and in his absence by the teachers. The additions during the year are not given in his report the close of 1879 we have placed above those of Aug. 1879. At Velpur a house has been erected this year as a dwelling for the pastor.

JAGURUPAD DISTRICT. (REV. T. JOSEPH, PASTOR).

1. *Jagurupad,* Malas, 74 baptized Christians, 36 communicants, 12 scholars. The pastor was himself teacher.

2. *Muramùnda,* Malas, 44 Chr., 28 com., 7 scholars, M. William Schaeffer, teacher.

3. *Peravâram,* Malas, 24 Chr., 12 com., 3 scholars, B. John, teacher.

4. *Lóllah.* There is no school and but few Christians.

5. *Héimagiri,* R. Prakasham, probably teacher.

6. *Nuvvapet.* A new station begun in 1879. Rev. Joseph's report for Dec. 1879, shows that he baptized during that year 39 persons, 10 men, 10 women, 19 children, of whom 26 at Jugurupad, 3 at Muramundah, 2 at Peravaram, 1 at Nuvvapet, 1 at Heimagiri, and 6 at Dowlaisweram. How many of these were after August when the above separate statement was made we do not know. Many other places are visited by the pastors in their towns, but in the above places are baptized Christians.

We regret that we cannot now give more complete statistics of the growth and present state of the Mission. In a recent survey of the 10 years which have elapsed since we took charge of this Mission, Rev. Mr. Schmidt states that the number of baptisms in that time has now reached 400.

At Jagurapad there was a lot, and a house used as a school house and dwelling for the teacher. This has been enlarged for the use of the pastor and he has occupied it since his ordination.

SCHOLARS SUPPORTED BY SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In Feb. 1880, Bro. Schmidt sent a list of scholars as then assigned, which is probably not much altered since then.

The list of scholars at present supported is : Charley and John, by Sunday-school of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia ; Stephen, by S. S. of St. Johannis' church, Philadelphia ; Nathaniel, by Rev. J. B. Fox ; Cornelius, by S. S. of St. Michael's church, Germantown ; Jesudasu, by S. S. of St. James' church, Reading ; John, by S. S. of Trinity church, Reading ; Paradazy, by S. S. of Zion's church, Rochester, N. Y.; Venkataswanu, by S. S. of St. Peter's church, New York : Devadasu, by S. S. of German church, Wilmington, Del.; Isaac, by S. S. of St. John's church, Charleston, S. C. These are all that are now allotted. There are three others ready to be assigned.

In July 1880 there were 12 boarding school boys and 1 man. Several Sunday Schools have heretofore offered support but no scholar could be found suitable for the pnrpose, as the selection should be made with great care. It is probable that with the enlargement of the schools which has been begun there will be occasion to ask aid for the support of a larger number of scholars. We should be glad to receive offers from Sunday Schools, or renewal of offers heretofore made.

A beginning has been made with a separate girls school at Rajahmundry and it is hoped that soon arrangements will be made for a fuller education for them. Two have been supported by the Ladies

Sewing Society of St. Mark's church, Phila.; their names are Hannama and Maria.

A proposal has been made by St. Luke's church to sustain a Catechist.

SALARIES.

The salaries of the Native Pastors is Rs. 25 per month, and 5 Annas per day travelling expenses when on tours. That of a Catechist is Rs. 15 per month, that of the two teachers at Rajahmundry Rs. 10; of the other teachers one receives Rs. 8, three receives Rs. 7 and two Rs. 6 per month. The standard value of a Rupee of 16 Annas is about 43 cents.

SPECIAL DONATIONS.

A generous friend, who declines to allow the mention of his name, sent a contribution of $300 for our Mission; his own heart was so refreshed by the Lord's approval that he soon after sent $300 additional. May he who seeth in secret reward him openly.

Some years ago Rev. Dr. F. W. Geissenhainer of New York offered to bear the cost of publication in Telugu of the Service of the Church Book, including the Catechism and Orders for Ministerial Acts. Before the book was ready for the printer Dr. Geissenhainer had gone to his eternal rest. When informed that the money was now wanted, his son transmitted the amount. The hearty thanks of the Council and of the Church are due.

The American Bible Society has made an appropriation of 50 Bibles and 150 New Testaments on an application from Bro. Carlson.

MISSIONS-BOTE AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY.

The Missionsbote has continued to furnish the German congregations with missionary information from our own and other missions. Its circulation has now reached 13,500 copies and the surplus remaining after all expenses are paid is $987.27.

In accordance with the instructions given at the last meeting of the General Council the committee carefully considered the question of publishing an English paper. They decided to publish a four page sheet at the price of $10 per hundred copies, and elected Rev. W. Ashmead Schaeffer editor, with the co-operation of the English Secretary. On the first of January the Foreign Missionary was issued. It has attained a circulation of about 4000 copies, and the receipts have thus far been found equal to the expenses. On the removal of Rev. W. A. Schaeffer, in Sept., to Chicago, Rev. Dr. C. W. Schaeffer, Prof. in the Theol. Seminary at Phil., and formerly President of the Council consented to become editor and now has charge of the paper.

The success and advantages of the German and English papers already issued naturally raise the question whether similar papers might not be issued in the Swedish and Norwegian languages. It has al-

ready been proposed to issue one in Swedish, and an application has been received for the use of plates of pictures used in our papers. We submit to the Council, and especially to the representatives of the Scandinavian Synods what action should be taken in the matter.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES IN SEMINARIES.

The students in the Theological Seminary at Phila. have organized a "Father Heyer Missionary Society" for the purpose of increasing the interest in the mission work. Such associations among those preparing for the work of the ministry may be expected to awaken a deeper interest in missions among the future pastors of congregations and also to move some of the students to give earnest heed to the duty of devoting their lives to this work. We hope that such associations may be formed in all the seminaries of Synods connected with the Council, where they do not already exist, or at least that some efficient measures be taken to direct the attention of theological students to the demands and operations of Foreign Missions.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

GENERAL ACCOUNT. RECEIPTS, 1879.

Jan. 1879. Balance with Treasurer or paid in advance to Missionaries	$1423.90
From Treasurer 10 Bills at $500	5000.00
" " 1 Bill at $525	525.00
Local Subscriptions	155.00
	$7103.90
Expenses 1879 as per account	4435.68
Balance on hand Jan. 1880	$2668.22

EXPENDITURES, 1879.

Salaries of three Missionaries	$3000.00
Expenses as per account	1435.68
	$4435.68

EXPENDITURES IN INDIA FOR 1879.

	Rupees	Annas	Pice
Travelling Expenses, Rev. Schmidt	43	0	0
" " Rev. Poulsen	31	0	0
Taxes on Land and Houses	36	13	7
House Rent for Rev. Poulsen Oct.–Dec.	40	0	0
Repairs to Mission House	31	12	6
" " dwelling of Rev. Poulsen	54	11	4
" " Rooms for Rev. Carlson	32	15	0
" " Joseph's house, Jagurupad	56	8	6
" " School houses in villages	29	5	0
Boat Expenses	111	9	6
Salaries and travelling expenses of Native Pastors and Teachers	1628	6	3

Scholars supported, board and clothing	234	11	6
" books and tuition at Gov. schools	98	5	0
Postage and stamps	15	15	6
Crochet work	59	8	0
	2504	8	8
Rev. Schmidt's visit to Nilighiris (self and family)	900		
Total	3404	8	8

The contributions of the congregations show an encouraging increase. It is especially interesting to notice that the Synods which have the most extensive Home Missionary work with in the irterritory and which have wrought the largest work of this kind, have shown a proportionately great liberality to the work of Foreign Missions.

In addition to the Mission among the Telugus in East India, a Mission has been begun among the American Indians by the Swedish Augustana Synod. An account of this undertaking is appended to this report. THE COMMITTEE.

Added by Vote of the General Council.

Report of the Mission of the Scand. Ev. Luth. Augustana Synod among the Indians.

At one of the annual conventions of the Augustana Synod, the Swedish Mission among the Delaware tribe of Indians in the 17th century was mentioned. A Swedish pastor in the old Swedish settlement in Pennsylvania, Campanius, translated Luther's Small Catechism into the Delaware language. It was even said that some relics of the Swedes' friendship with the Delawares were yet to be found among that tribe. The Synod resolved to send one of its pastors to the Indian Territory for exploration especially among the Delawares. A report of this exploration was presented to the synodical convention, in Jamestown, 1876. The Synod then resolved to make preparations for the establishment of a Mission among some Indian tribe, where no other Mission occupied the field. In order to find out a proper field of labor, two members of the Synod were sent out to explore the whole Indian Territory. In the year 1878 the president of the Synod made a visit to the Territory to locate a Missionary station. In 1879 a Missionary, Rev. M. Wahlstrom, was ordained and sent out in company with Rev. J. Telleen to go to the Comanche Indians by way of Colorado. Rev. Wahlstrom had to return with Rev. Telleen on account of the war with the Utes and the general uneasiness among the Indians in the Territory.

In the spring of this year our Missionary went to Anadarko, Indian Territory, to commence work. After having spent some time there, he took sick and came to our synodical convention in Des Moines, very much weakened in health. In Des Moines he lay at the point

of death for many weeks. He recovered partially but was compelled to resign.

There is therefore an interruption for the present of our missionary undertaking among the Indians.

The following is a condensed report of receipts and expenditures of the Indian Mission of the Synod for the synodical year 1879–80.

Receipts	$2578.40
Expenditures	562.28
In the Treasury	2016.12

We may also state that the Synod has outside of the above account, given free board and instruction to three young men of the Delaware tribe in the College at Rock Island. Although these young men are Baptists, the Synod has retained them at the College because two of them have given good satisfaction by their Christian character and good behavior in general. One of these two was a heathen when he came to the school but has made remarkable progress in Christian knowledge, has been baptized in his native church in the Territory and is still studying at our institution.

At the annual meeting of the Scand. Ev. Luth. Augustana Synod in Des Moines, Iowa, 1880, the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, 1. That whereas the Mission of the General Council in India is Lutheran and one of the Missionaries, Rev. A. B. Carlson, is connected with our Synod, we request the members of our Synod to remember this Mission in their prayers and by their contributions.

2. That contributions received for Foreign Missions during the following synodical year shall be sent to the Mission of the General Council in India, unless the donors explicitly specify the Indian Mission.

The report was received, and taken up for such action as was recommended.

The subject of the establishment of a Swedish Missionary Paper was referred to a committee consisting of the members present of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions, and the delegates of the Augustana Synod, with instructions to report at another session of the present convention. Such action was subsequently reported, amended, adopted and directed to be incorporated into the minutes at this point:

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Missions be instructed to correspond with the Mission Committee of the Augustana Synod, in reference to the proposed paper in the interest of Foreign Missions in the Swedish language, and be authorized to make all the necessary arrangements with them for such a publication.

Mission to N. Ameri an Indians.

It was resolved that the delegates from the Augustana Synod be requested to prepare an account of the mission work of that Synod among the North American Indians for insertion into the report on Foreign Missions, and that they be requested to do the same for reports on that subject in future years.

After a general discussion on the report, it was adopted.

Jubilee Medal.

A letter was read from Mr. J. R. Baker, of Philadelphia, presenting to the General Council a silver medal in commemoration of the Seventh Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Augsburg Confession, and the Tercentenary of the Book of Concord.

It was resolved to accept the medal, and that the thanks of this body be returned to Mr. Baker; also, that a committee be appointed to prepare farther action concerning it. Committee: Dr. Seiss, Rev. Belfour and W. H. Staake, Esq.

It was resolved that 250 extra copies of the report on Foreign Missions be printed.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. Prof. Olsson.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, October 23rd, 9 A. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the English Recording Secretary. The German minutes were read and approved.

The Council proceeded to the special order, the

Constitution for Congregations.

The consideration of Art. IV., Sec. 5 was completed, and the section as amended, adopted. Sec. 6 was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. S. Fritschel, D. D., J. A. Seiss, D. D., J. H. Baden, Mr. H. Lehman and Hon. G. W. Overmyer, to report at a subsequent session.

Sec. 7 adopted.

Secs. 8 and 9 amended and adopted.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. W. Hoppe.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, Oct. 23rd, 2 P. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. E. F. Moldehnke.

The Council proceeded to the consideration of the special order for the afternoon—the business pertaining to "Home Missions." The report of the Executive Committee was read by its President, the Rev. W. A. Passavant, D. D., in connection with which the report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund, Thomas H. Lane, Esq., was presented.

Home Missions.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

On the organization of the General Council, the present system of Missionary operations came into life. It was confidently hoped by many and by none more than by the Committee on Home Missions, that this would become the leading practical interest of the new organization. They accordingly asked for ten thousand dollars, as the lowest sum with which to commence the most necessary operations. They were, however, disappointed in their expectations and have been ever since. Their efforts to increase and intensify their great interest in the district Synods have been crowned with encouraging success, but with this increase, there has been a corresponding increase of local missionary work, and that to an extent, which, in its necessities, demanded an outlay vastly greater than the feeble resources of the district Synods. Most of these had not before been trained to such activity, nor had the churches been accustomed to large charity in this direction, so that, while the interest increased on their own territory, the destitution and inability to supply it, led only to a piercing cry for help to the General Committee, instead of furnishing it with the means to carry on the general work.

A still more painful discovery was made viz. : that the want of means was as nothing in comparison to the want of men. Most of our larger Synods have accordingly addressed themselves within the past few years to the supply of this distressing want, and Schools, Academies, Colleges and Theological Seminaries have been the result. The Seminary at Philadelphia and the College at Allentown occupied and absorbed the attention of the Penna. Synod; the establishment of Thiel College much of the time and energy of the Pittsburgh Synod; the College and Seminary at Rock Island, Ill., and the College at St.

Peter, Minn., the most anxious concern and liberality of the Swedish Augustana Synod; the Mosheim Institute, Tenn., the care and charity of the Holston Synod; the Academy and Seminary at Marshall, Wis., and the Theological Seminary at Mendota, Ill., the chief concern and endeavor of the Norwegian Augustana and the Iowa Synods. These Institutions are yet in their feeble beginnings and agents and pastors are traversing the older Synods and churches, raising the necessary funds to erect buildings, and maintain the Professors, while the collections of the people are devoted to the support of the young men who have consecrated themselves to the Christian ministry and are in training for its responsible duties.

But this is not all. The collection of funds for domestic missions has often been a most difficult work, owing to the many unsupplied pastorates in the different district Synods. In several of these, there have always been ten to fifteen such vacancies; in one, twenty-three, and in all quite a number. These have been kept together by the greatest exertion and self-denial on the part of neighboring pastors or have been provisionally supplied during vacations by the students of our Seminaries. Meanwhile, however, such churches did but little for the Mission treasury in the district Synods, and the need of Mission work in destitute places, was lost sight of by the pressing need of men to care for the many vacancies in their own bounds.

These things are not stated as an excuse for the sad neglect of the perishing in our home fields and in the destitutions of a continent. They furnish not the shadow of a reason which will avail at the day of judgment. They do, however, explain the working together of the various causes which have combined to divert the mind of the Church from this most important work. But the Church dare not suffer any causes to hinder her great mission. The domestic mission work is the very life of the Church, the preservation of her existence, and the extension of her boundaries. It must be carried on in the very face of indifference and the most discouraging of obstacles. The war against the kingdom of darkness must be waged in spite of the feebleness of resources, and the fewness of those who stand in the high places of the field. Our very needs, in these respects must drive us to the throne of God. Out of the depths, the Church must cry unto God, and only then will he hear their cry. Only then, when the Church comes to a realizing sense of its utter helplessness to do this great work to which God has called her, will salvation come forth out of Zion, as a lamp that burneth!

The hopeful aspect of the Home Mission work in the General Council, is not that by means of its missionaries and pastors upwards of three hundred weak or destitute stations are supplied with the pure Word and sacraments of Christ, and that in addition to the large sacrifice of time, labor and means by those who minister unto these needy

ones, some $25,000 has been contributed and expended for this interest during the past year, but that we have reached that crisis in our history when it is apparent that God has called us to go in and possess an illimitable field, that alone, we are unequal to the task; that we must go to God for a special anointing from on high, that we must lay our all of life and time and wealth on His altar and live henceforth mightily unto Him. Deliverance will not come either from the east or from the west. It will not come from a change of systems or plans. It can come only from the Spirit which is poured out from on high—the spirit of faith and of love—of faith working by love, and of a heroic purpose to obey the divine call and follow Him, who went forth through humiliation and shame in the conquest of the world. There can be no doubt of the ability of our churches to provide all the means required. It is there for softness and self-pleasing, for amusement and fashion, and the whole course of this world. It is there for gain and speculation and worldly increase, to an extent of which few have any conception. And it must be there for Him who died for us and rose again, that it may serve all the blessed purposes of faith and love and charity, to the praise of Him who hath consecrated all to His glory forever. For such a consecration let the whole church fervently pray, and let all the people say Amen and Amen!

The following is a brief review of the Mission work under the care of the General Committee and of the Committees of the District Synods:

1. *The Chicago Mission.*—The distressing illness of our Missionary, alluded to in our last report, made his resignation and removal from the region of the lake winds, absolutely necessary. This step was taken most reluctantly, on the advice of his physician, as the only hope of possible recovery. The loss to the interests of the cause in Chicago was a very serious one. By Bro. Belfour's removal to Pittsburgh, both missions became vacant—for the plan had been that for a time both might be served by the same pastor. Their supply gave great anxiety to the Committee, especially as both the brethren recommended by the late pastor, and the Committee, after a time of deliberation, could not regard it their duty to entertain a call. Meanwhile, the Rev. H. Reck of Augustana College, with no small exertion and sacrifice to himself, has kindly supplied Trinity Church from Feb. 1st to the present time. His labors have been most abundant in preaching the Word, catechising the young, watching over the interests of the Sunday School, visiting the congregation, and diligently performing every good work. A class of upwards of twenty young persons, organized by Bro. Belfour, was continued and confirmed on Palm Sunday. The Sunday School was kept up amid all the discouragements of the long vacancy and the changes of city life. The interest on the Church debt was regularly paid, and the credit of the

congregation maintained. After months of effort, interchange of opinion and correspondence, the Committee were at last enabled to recommend a brother to the congregation who was believed to be suitable for this important position, and after a visit of some weeks among them, he was unanimously elected. Having asked longer time of the Committee for deliberation, the result cannot yet be announced.*

It is fervently hoped, that God will direct the man of His choice to this field, so white for the harvest. Now, more than ever, does the importance of this young metropolis of the west, rise up before the Church and the world, in all its present and future greatness. By the late census, upwards of half a million of people, already dwell there, and the rate of increase is without a parallel in the history of our land. At any cost of solicitude, effort and money, this field must be maintained. But money and effort alone, cannot give success. This great interest must be carried in the hearts of the people to the throne of God. A pastor full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, is the first great need, and for the supply of this need, the whole Church should devoutly implore the Lord of the harvest—that He would send forth laborers into his harvest!

2. *Wicker Park Mission.*—The completion of the church edifice at Wicker Park, Chicago, Ill., which had been purchased by the newly organized congregation in the northwestern part of the city, referred to in our last report—and its consecration to Jesus Christ, took place on the first Sunday of Feb. 1880. The occasion was one of sincere rejoicing, mingled with great sorrow at the near removal of their pastor. The cost of the lot and church, with the finishing of the audience room, and necessary furniture and fixtures exceeded $7,000 of which about $6,000 are funded at a low rate of interest. The location of the church is admirable, on a corner lot and in the midst of a permanent population, sympathizing largely in doctrine and nationality with the Lutheran Church. The edifice is attractive, capacious and convenient for all the purposes of worship and Sunday School and special instruction. Already a school of over 200 scholars, with a Bible Class and Infant Department is in successful operation. The field of usefulness, so providentially "opened of the Lord," in this locality, alike among the middle aged and the young, is all that could be desired by an earnest pastor.

The supply of this place during the eight months of its vacancy, has been attended with no small sacrifice and exertion to the members of the Committee and others whom they have sent. The Word was, however, preached without the break of a single day, the Sunday School

*Rev. C. Kœrner, pastor of the Eng. Luth. Church at Pottstown, Pa. Since the adjournment of the Council, this brother has signified his acceptance of the call to Trinity Church, Chicago.

superintended and the instructions of the Bible Class and Catechism faithfully imparted. Three young men, the first ingatherings in the new church, were admitted to confirmation.

At last, by the good hand of God upon this undertaking, a pastor was obtained in the person of Rev. W. A. Schaeffer of Germantown, Pa., who entered upon his duties on the 1st Sunday in October, after a kindly welcome by the people. The happy termination of this long and trying vacancy, by the acceptance of a unanimous call from the Church and the Mission Committee, is an occasion of special and devout thanksgiving unto God.

The Columbus English Mission.—During the past year, also, the Committee assisted in the support of the Missionary at Columbus, in connection with the District Synod of Ohio. Bro. Peters reports as follows: "The past year has been an uneventful one. Divine service has been held regularly throughout the year, one Sunday in the morning and the other in the evening. The improvement in the services has been a marked one, especially at the evening services. The festivals of the Church have been recognized by special services, and the Lord's Supper has been duly celebrated much to the edification of the people. Evening services were held during Passion Week and these were followed by the largest communion since my connection with the mission. An addition of fourteen members, all adults, has been made to the Church. The financial obligations of the congregation have been met. While we have not been able to decrease the indebtedness very much, the interest has been promptly paid. The mission has more than raised its apportionment to Synod. A remarkable degree of harmony and peace has characterized the condition of things within the mission, and loyalty alike to the Synod and the General Council has manifested itself in many ways."

By the removal of Bro. Peters to another field, this important field will become vacant. Efforts are now on foot to provide a suitable successor.

4. Travelling Missionaries in Kansas and Nebraska.—For years past, it has been the earnest desire of your Committee to maintain a number of travelling Missionaries in the new states and territories of the West, and on repeated occasions, this plan was respectfully pressed upon the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. Much interest seemed to be awakened by the facts brought before the Synod, and the confident hope was entertained that the necessary aid would be granted by their Executive Committee. Year after year, however, passed without any visible result. A final effort was made at the late Synod in June, and the hope was held out, that if $1,000 were appropriated for the salary of a travelling Missionary for Kansas, a similar sum, in all probability, would be contributed by the Pittsburgh Synod at its next Convention, for a travelling Missionary in Nebraska. A motion to the effect

that the Synod hold itself responsible for the amount requested was, promptly made by the retiring President, and was advocated by himself and other leading brethern in earnest addresses. Other counsels however prevailed, to the discouragement of many whose scattered children in the West were sending back imploring cries for help. The motion was amended and the final disposition was referred to the Executive Committee of Synod. What was done, if any thing, has not transpired. Under these circumstances, with the necessity of immediate action pressing upon us, contributions were received from a few persons in Lancaster and the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Rev. Enoch Smith of Greensburg was commissioned to visit Kansas and Nebraska, and make a beginning in this much needed work. His Report to the Executive Committee, reveals an extent of spiritual destitution and the consequences of sinful neglect on the part of our church in the East, which is truly distressing. In the short time of service, which it was possible for him to render, no less than four large and distinct fields, with important cities and towns for their centre, were discovered, in which laborers ought at once to be stationed, and in great part aided by missionary support. Two of these are in Kansas and two in Nebraska. Their locations and the statistics of the same will be handed to the new committee, in the earnest hope, that immediate provision will be made in their behalf. During the six weeks of his absence, Bro. Smith travelled over 4000 miles, preached publicly and from house to house, baptized a number of children, gathered the names of upwards of one hundred members of the Lutheran Church and greatly encouraged the hearts of many who had well nigh given up all hope of being sought out and provided for by their own Church. The closing words of our Missionary are worthy of the most earnest thought: "I am fully persuaded that the States of Kansas and Nebraska are ripe for the harvest and offer inducements to our Lutheran church, such as they offer to no other Protestant communion."

The hope held out that a second thousand dollars could be raised for a permanent exploring Missionary in Kansas or Nebraska, has been realized. This sum was promptly secured by donations and pledges at the late convention of the Pittsburgh Synod.

The following is a brief summary of the work of the District Synods in the different fields under their care.

THE PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

During the past year aid was extended to twenty-four missionary fields, in addition to the two City missions in Lancaster and Reading, supported by the parent churches. Fourteen were under the direct control of the Executive Committee, viz.: The Luzerne Mission with four congregations, Rev. J. H. Schmidt pastor; Germania, with

three churches in Potter and Tioga counties, Rev. J. H. Voss pastor; Wilkesbarre, English Church, Rev. F. F. Buermyer pastor; Phœnixville, Rev. F. C. C. Kaehler pastor; Lykens, with three churches and several stations, Rev. M. B. Lenker pastor; Sand Cut, Wayne Co., with three stations, Rev. G. H. Rhodes pastor; Beavertown, Snyder Co., with four churches and three stations, Rev. D. M. Stettler pastor; Shenandoah, Rev. J. Gruhler pastor; Chester, German, Rev. J. F. Bayer pastor; Jersey Shore, Rev. A. Linz pastor; Catasauqua, Trinity Church, Rev. M. H. Richards pastor; Pittston with three churches, Rev. G. A. Struntz pastor; New Jersey Mission, with three churches, Rev. G. F. Miller, pastor. The amount appropriated by the Committee on these missions during the year was $2087.50. The additional sum of $2541.67 was expended by the Board of City Missions on the following ten missions in Philadelphia: St. Stephen's, West Phila., Rev. J. K. Plitt; St. Paul's, Rev. W. K. Frick; Christ's Church, Chestnut Hill, Rev. C. J. Hirzel; St. Peter's, Rev. J. W. Albrecht; Church of the Advent, Rev. H. M. Bickel; St. Michael's, Rev. F. P. Bender; St. Peter's, West Phila., Rev. C. F. Welden; Immanuel's, Frankford, Rev. J. Nicum; St. Thomas, Germantown, Rev. C. G. Fisher, and Trinity, Rising Sun, which has just been supplied with a pastor in the person of Rev. A. Linz.

The territory of the Penna. Synod, with the astonishing increase of population in its cities and railroad towns, comprising many of the young and energetic of its country churches, affords a field of missionary operation second to none in the United States. If the number of its missions could be doubled during the coming year, the supply of its neglected material, which for long years has been drifting into the centres of industry and population, would be only begun. God grant that the men and the means may be promptly furnished for the cultivation of the mission field at the territory of the mother Synod!

THE NEW YORK MINISTERIUM.

The mission field of the Lutheran Church in New York and adjacent States, both among the foreign population and their descendants is very large. Here are cities, with a German population equal to the populous cities of Germany, without church accommodations for one-tenth of the people. The annual overflow into the towns, villages and rural districts of New York, New England and New Jersey afford abundant material for the organization of scores of congregations. It is true others divide with us the field, and the difficulty of accomplishing our proper work is greatly increased by these unhappy divisions. But a wide door and effectual is opened before the Synod, even though there be many adversaries. The conviction is becoming more intense, that the needs of the thousands of our neglected people must be supplied, and that this can be done only by a large increase of la-

borers and means. During the past year, eight distinct fields have been under the care of the Mission Committee, viz: Ward's Island, West Webster, New Brunswick, N. J. Breslau, L. I., Narrowsburg, Ellenville, Port Chester and Castleton, with their Missionaries, Rev. Messrs. L. H. Gerndt, C. N. Gerndt, J. A. Dewald, G. W. Drees, P. Buch, H. Dorn, J. W. Hoffman, and another. One of the fruits of the past year's work was the erection of a neat church in New Brunswick, N. Jersey. The experience of the past year has more than ever proved the necessity of devout and competent men for the mission service.

THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Two-thirds of the territory of this synod is missionary ground. The net work of railroads which covers its entire extent, is increasing with every year. Villages take the place of stations, and recent towns and cities become centres of industry and population. Few of these can be found where the members of our communion do not reside, either temporarily or permanently, and to seek them out, gather them into congregations and provide them with schools and churches—is the difficult problem which is given this Synod to solve. The want of laborers for this painstaking work, has been the greatest obstacle in the way of success. But already *twenty-three* graduates from the Philadelphia Seminary have entered this field, and new openings invite additional laborers. The missionary organization of the Synod, is consequently more efficient than ever before. During the past year, *sixteen* missions, with upwards of thirty congregations have been maintained through its timely assistance. They are as follows: Kittaning German and Jerusalem; Christ's Church, East End, Pittsburg; Allegheny Valley; Butler, English; Monongehela and Pan Handle, German; North Eastern, English and German; Freeport and Natrona, German; Tyler and Wetzel Cos., West Va., English and German; Rochester and Phillipsburg, English; Franklin and Lebanon, English; Trenton, Ohio, German and English; Corry, German; Washington, English; Nova Scotia, German; East Liverpool, Ohio, German; and Parker City, English. The Missionaries were Revs. M. Schweigert, J. S. Lawson, G. H. Gerberding, J. Q. Waters, S. Munsch, John Sander, C. F. Tiemann, H. H. Kinnard, C. H. Hemsath, S. W. Kuhns, S. K. Herbster, Prof. H. Gilbert, J. W. Myers, C. E. Cossman, C. Baumann, and the President of the Synod. The sum of $1991.70 was disbursed for Home Missions among the above laborers, and the further sum of $497.92, in addition to various benefactions of individual members, was paid into the treasury of the General Council for the general Mission work of this body.

At the recent convention of the Synod in Adamsburg, a suggestion was made to raise the salary of a travelling Missionary in Kansas or Nebraska. The proposition was warmly seconded, and in a short

time upwards of $1000 were pledged by the ministers and delegates present—for this important work. The usual one-fifth of all missionary moneys will be paid over to the general treasury as before—and this additional sum will enable the Home Mission Committee to keep in the field a competent laborer, who will visit our scattered membership in many places, arranging new fields, providing suitable laborers, and otherwise doing the work of an evangelist. It is hoped that the beginning thus made will be continued in other Synods, and that a new life and activity will thus be awakened in behalf of our long neglected membership in the western States.

THE DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

The past year has been a most trying one, testing the ability of the Synod to carry on its missionary work. Now that the cloud has been lifted, it is a subject of devout thanksgiving to God, that both the Missions and the interest in them have survived. These Missions are *five* in number, viz.: English Mission at Alliance, ditto at Columbus (in part) the Ada Mission, Allen Co., the Middleport Mission, Van Wert Co., and the Paulding Mission in Paulding Co., Ohio. They have been under the care of the Rev. Messrs. M. L. Kunkleman, H. Peters, F. P. Cook, Charles Witmer and J. Snyder. The results of the labors of these brethren, with perhaps an exception, have been quite encouraging. The work of ingathering and establishment is the work of time and no where is this more apparent than in those fields, which owing to the newness of the country and the feebleness of the membership require continued aid. The amount expended on the five mission fields of Synod was $1204.60, and the further sum of $105.89 was paid to the Home Mission Committee of the General Council.

THE SWEDISH AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

As heretofore, the five conferences of this Synod divide among them the Mission work in their respective districts, and in addition, contribute their apportionment to the Missions "in the regions beyond" which are under the supervision of the Synodical Mission Committee. Under the conference plan, each minister of the Synod spends a portion of his time among the vacant churches or the new settlements in their bounds. The provision for their stated supply is complete. The table of appointments is in the hands of the people months before, and those appointed must provide a substitute if unable to be present. In this way, and by the services of the more advanced students in the Seminary who teach and missionate under the supervision of the Conference, more than one hundred stations and churches are regularly supplied until they can obtain their own pastors. This is done in many cases without any expense to the Mission treasury, as the people gladly make a proper return for the services

rendered. In several of the conferences, travelling Missionaries are maintained, who reside at a prominent centre, and supply an indefinite number of destitute places—in addition to the exploration of new territory. Thus Rev. J. O. Cavallin, residing in Fargo, on the Northern Pacific, looks after the scattered Swedish settlements in northwestern Minnessota and Dacotah, the Rev. S. J. Oesterberg in Nebraska and Kansas, and the two Colporteurs Messrs. C. A. Landfors and P. A. Johnson, with Chicago, Illinois, and Tustin, Mich., as centres. The work thus accomplished has been very important and has resulted in preparing the way for the organization and establishment of numerous churches, which, but for such an advance with the first settlement of the country, would not have been possible.

Besides this work of the Conferences, the General Mission Committee of the Synod have been actively engaged during the past year in the support of a number of missionaries in the regions beyond. The Rev. Peter Carlson was sent to Oregon, where he traveled extensively and organized congregations in Portland and at Astoria on Puget Sound. At the latter place a modest church has been built during the past summer by the people engaged in the fisheries. Both these churches are now served by the Rev. Jonas Vender, from the Seminary at Rock Island, while the Rev. Carlson will seek out other destitutions in Oregon and Washington Territories. The Rev. Jno. Telleen, late of Des Moines, was sent to Colorado, and has organized churches at Denver city and Leadville. A substantial church is in progress of erection at the former of these places, where pastor Telleen also resides. The Rev. A. Rodell, pastor of a church in Brooklyn, N. Y., is under commission by the committee to labor among the numerous Swedish emigrants arriving at Castle Garden, N. Y., while the Rev. Pastor C. J. Petri, minister at Philadelphia, is also assisted in the work among the Swedish seamen at that port. It would occupy too much time and space to do more than briefly mention these interesting facts. They show an earnest and vigorous effort to supply the great spiritual needs of the Swedish population, and the remarkable success which has rewarded this faithful toil. The amount contributed for the support of these missions was about $3,000.

THE HOLSTON SYNOD.

In few of our Synods has the work of church erection and improvement been more marked during the past ten years than in this Synod. The rude structures where the fathers worshiped have generally disappeared. The Mosheim Institute is preparing young men for the Seminary. Meanwhile the Home Mission cause is beginning to claim deserved attention, and three such fields viz., Morgan County, Bristol and another growing centre claim the attention of the Synod. It

is believed that a considerable Lutheran population exists in Eastern Tennessee, which can only be reached by faithful pastoral or missionary exploration; and the hope is expressed that the Council may soon find itself able to assist the Synod in this and other missionary undertakings.

THE INDIANA SYNOD.

The minutes of this Synod, not yet being printed, we learn by a statement from the President that the sum of $250 was paid out for missionary labor during the past seven months, and that some three hundred are in the treasury. Appropriations were made to three distinct fields, provided laborers could be secured. This appears to be the most distressing want of the Synod. Unless this can be speedily remedied, the cause must continue to suffer even more than heretofore. The State of Indiana contains a large amount of Lutheran material which has not yet been gathered into churches. In other localities Lutheran congregations have existed since the first settlement of the country, but have been supplied only at distant intervals with the divine word, and have had a sickly existence. In a number of growing cities there is a positive necessity for English Lutheran churches, and yet for years nothing has been attempted out of Fort Wayne and Indianapolis, because of the want of means and men. But the field is large and hopeful, and pains and prayers will yet accomplish what is so needful to be done!

THE TEXAS SYNOD.

This is essentially a missionary Synod, and the pastors perform a large amount of such labor among the destitute German settlements in the State. Owing to the want of men and means, for several years past, there have been no traveling missionaries in the field, and much ground has been lost never to be regained. In their inability to meet the great issue which confronts them, the brethren of the Synod, through their delegate, Rev. Mr. Merz, have addressed a most earnest appeal to your Executive Committee. They state that the immigration from Germany is larger than at any previous time; that the western portions of the State are rapidly filling up with emigrants from the more Lutheran states and provinces of Germany, and that now, when men are struggling with the first question of life, and are making themselves homes, is the time most favorable to enter in and gain these settlers for Christ and His Church. They also express the conviction, that only by means of a missionary superintendency, with its associated laborers, is it at all possible to reach the widely scattered German population, and gather them into congregations. It will thus be seen that here, as elsewhere, the cry is a double one—the piteous cry for laborers and the imploring cry for means to sustain them while they break the bread of life to the perishing!

THE CANADA SYNOD.

The missions of this Synod (six in number), have been maintained with vigor and success. They are the two missions on the Ottowa, with nine churches and stations, under the care of Rev. G. Bastian and an assistant; the New Dundee mission, with four churches, Rev. U. Berner pastor; the Huron mission, with two stations, Rev. J. Muenzinger pastor; the Brundt mission, with two churches, Rev. W. Bein pastor; and the Muskaka or Morrison mission, with four churches and stations, Rev. C. Schraeder pastor. Twice this number of mission fields might be formed among the Germans of Canada, if means and men were on hand. But the lack of suitable laborers has been so great and distressing, that not a few hopeful churches were lost to the Synod, and that too after years of labor and outlay—because there were none to break to them the bread of life.

It is earnestly desired to send a traveling minister among the German immigrants in Manitoba—the new province of the Canadian Government in the Red River country of the northwest. God grant that it may be possible to accomplish this desirable result before the next meeting of the Council!

The disbursements for Home Missions by the Canada Synod during the past year, were $870, while the income was $631.19, leaving their treasury overdrawn $238.81.

THE MICHIGAN SYNOD.

Three missionary fields were assisted by the mission committee of this body, during the past year, to the amount of $500. These were Reed City, Osceola Co., and Fair Haven, Huron Co., Rev. C. F. Boehner; Greenwood, St. Clair Co., Venice, Shiawasse Co., and Lapeer, Lapeer Co., Rev. J. Wuerthner; and Fremont and Cairo, Tuscola Co. and Iasco Co., Rev. J. Haas. Two of these districts, owing to the increase of membership, were transferred to the list of pastorates. It is gratifying to learn that the Rev. J. Haas has been appointed traveling missionary for the northern part of the two peninsulas of the State at a salary of $500, and traveling expenses. This is a much needed work, and its vigorous prosecution will not fail to accomplish great good to the scattered German population in this long-neglected field, but will awaken new interest in the congregations in behalf of this holy cause.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Thomas H. Lane in account with
Home Mission Committee of General Council.

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1880.	To cash received from Penn'a Synod per Rev. J. Fry, D. D., Jan. 8,	$400 00	
	" " June 25,	400 00	
			$800 00
	To cash received from District Synod of Ohio June 3d, Rev. S. L. Harkey, D. D.,	20 00	
	" " Rev. J. L. McMurray,	20 00	
	" 18, Rev. E. Smith's congregations,	32 50	
			72 50
	To cash received from Pittsburg Synod per Col. D. M. Armor,		497 92
	To cash received as follows for support of Missionary in Kansas and Nebraska:		
	June 18, "From a Friend," per Rev. S. Laird,	20 00	
	" 30, Rev. Dr. Greenwald, per Rev. Dr. Passavant,	25 00	
	" " Dr. C. A. Heinisch, " " " "	5 00	
	" " Mr. R. A. Baer, " " " "	5 00	
	" " Mr. J. C. Hager, " " " "	10 00	
	" " Col. Wm. L. Piper, " " " "	50 00	
	" " "E," " " " "	10 00	
	Aug. 20, Rev. D. M. Kemerer " " " "	25 00	
	Sept. 3, St. James' Church, Rev. C. H. Hemsath, per Rev. Dr. Passavant,	1 00	
	" " Brush Creek Church, Mr. Ludwig Miller, per Rev. Dr. Passavant,	10 00	
	" " John A. Kaercher, Pittsburgh, per Rev. Dr. Passavant,	25 00	
	" " Rev. D. M. Kemerer, Jewett, O., per Rev. Dr. Passavant,	25 00	
	" 9, Henry Johnson, Chartiers, per Rev. Dr. Passavant,	5 00	
	" " H. R. Shaner, Butler, Pa., per Rev. Dr. Passavant,	2 00	
	" " A. Brabender, Erie, Pa., per Rev. Dr. Passavant,	10 00	
	" " Members of Synod and Church at Adamsburg, Pa., per Rev. Dr. Passavant,	22 35	
	" 21, Rev. J. K. Melhorn, Pittsburg,	35 00	
	Oct. 15, Rev. A. H. Waters, per Rev. W. A. Passavant,	25 00	
	" " Rev. W. A. Passavant, D. D.,	100 00	
			410 35
			$1,780 77
	" Amount borrowed from Thiel College,	1,671 50	
	" Amount in Treasury,	66 59	
			1,604 91
			$3,385 68

1880.	Cr.		
Jan. 8,	By cash paid Rev. E. Belfour on account of services at Trinity M. Chicago,		$400 00
June 3,	By cash paid Rev. Enoch Smith for traveling expenses, and services supplying Chicago Mission: June 3rd,	$40 00	
	July 12th,	5 89	
			45 89
	By cash paid Rev. H. Peters for his services at Columbus, Ohio: July 2d,	150 00	
	October 19th,	50 00	
			200 00
July 22,	By cash paid sundry brethren for expenses incurred in supplying Wicker Park Mission: July 22d,	270 00	
	October 7th,	45 00	
Oct. 19,	By cash paid Rev. W. A. Passavant, D. D., for expenses in attending the meeting of Penna. Synod in interest of H. M. C. at Lancaster, Pa.,	22 00	
			337 00
	By cash paid Rev. Enoch Smith for traveling expenses, and services in Kansas and Nebraska: August 2d,	105 00	
	October 19,	81 00	
			186 00
Oct. 15,	By cash paid Rev. H. Reck for services, Trinity Mission, Chicago,		400 00
" 7,	Cash paid Rev. C. Koerner for supplying Trinity Mission, Chicago, and traveling expenses incurred,		45 00
" 19,	By cash paid interest on loan from Thiel College to W. W. Wattles, Treasurer,		100 29
			1,714 18
	Balance overdrawn, as per last statement,		1,671 50
			$3,385 68

We hereby certify that we have examined the above account, compared vouchers and found it correct.

James Sheafer,
D. M. Armor,
Auditing Committee.

The report was received for consideration, it was resolved that the chairman be instructed to complete it, and that then it be entered on the minutes.

The committee on the "Reorganization of Home Mission Work" consisting of the Vice Presidents, appointed at the last meeting, not being prepared to submit any plan, the roll

of the synods was called to ascertain what recommendations on the subject had been made by the various synods; from which it appeared that no action had been taken except by the Ministeriums of Pennsylvania and New York.

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to examine the subject of the organization of our Home Missionary operations, and to report, if possible, some improved method of administration.

Committee: Revs. J. A. Seiss, D. D., W. F. Ulery, W. A. Passavant, D. D., B. M. Schmucker, D. D., and Messrs. L. L. Houpt, G. W. Overmyer, and W. A. Schmitthener.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer, Rev. Dr. Passavant leading.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY, Oct. 25th, 9 A. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. F. J. F. Schantz.

The German minutes were read and approved.

The regular order, appointed for the morning was postponed until Tuesday morning, in order to continue the consideration of the constitution for congregations.

By unanimous consent, Hon. G. W. Overmyer presented the

Report of the Auditing Committee.

Your committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts beg leave to report:

We find upon examination of the Treasurer's books that "Foreign Mission Account," "*Missions Bote* Account" and the "*Foreign Missionary* Account," have been audited as reported to the General Council—and by the General Council approved by resolution dated Oct. 22nd, 1880—to be correct.

We have also examined the various items and vouchers in the General Expense Account and find the same correct.

We therefore recommend that an abstract of the Treasurer's account be made by the Treasurer, handed to the Secretary and published in the minutes of the General Council.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. OVERMYER,
GEO. H. MOLLER,
F. A. STOHLMAN.

Oct. 22, 1880.

Foreign Mission Account.

Balance from last year	$181 95
Receipts (1879–1880)	6315 76
	$6497 71

Disbursements.

Expenses, postage, travelling expenses, &c	$62 98
Miscellaneous, book case, check books, &c	36 07
Books, postal cards, printing, &c	134 31
Electrotypes, Cuts and Postage, Portraits, &c	150 99
Expenses of Rev. Paulsen	72 66
Travelling expenses, salary, &c., of Rev. H. B. Artman	1085 85
To India for Missionaries	5062 00
	$6604 86
Overdrawn	$107 15

MISSIONSBOTE.

Balance from last year	$202 39
Receipts (1879–1880)	2390 87
	$2593 26

Disbursements.

Miscellaneous, folding papers, postal cards, envelopes, &c	$76 39
Postage and expressage	145 52
Printing of Missionsbote and title pages and contents	1384 08
	$1605 99
Balance	$987 27

THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY.

Receipts since Jan. 1, 1880	$375 39
Disbursements to date, printing and postage	304 40
Balance	$70 99

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND.

1879			
Oct. 17	To	balance last year	$122 72
1880.			
Jan. 7.	"	Rev. J. Fry, D. D., from Penna. Synod	150 00
" 14.	"	Rev. J. G. Lieb, Brenham, Texas	4 00
Feb. 19.	"	S. Klingmann, Ann Arbor, Mich	25 00
" 20.	"	J. H. Smith, Treas. District Synod of Ohio, Wadsworth, Ohio	20 00
" 23.	"	Herborn & Ahlbrecht for sale of 5 copies of minutes of 1879	50
Mar. 11.	"	Rev. F. Ernst, Brenham, Texas	2 00
May 31.	"	J. J. Kuntz the apportionment of the Indiana Synod	25 00
Aug. 5.	"	W. A. Schmitthener, Esq., Treas. Ministerium of N. Y., collected at Canajoharie, Jan. 3, 8, 1880	42 00
			$391 22

DISBURSEMENTS OF THE GENERAL EXP. FUND.

1880.			
Jan. 13.	By cash, Rev. H. E. Jacobs, postage and exp.	15 61	
" " " "	J. E. Wible for printing English minutes of General Council for 1879	109 00	
Feb. 23.	" " Herborn & Ahlbrecht for printing German minutes of General Council for 1879	142 76	
May 31.	" " Rev. C. P. Krauth, D. D., traveling expenses to meeting of Southern Synod	21 55	
			$287 92
Balance on hand			$103 30

Constitution for Congregations

The committee appointed to reconstruct Art. IV : §6, not being ready to report, and Art. V. having been adopted at the Eleventh Convention, in Philadelphia, the Council proceeded to Art. VI. Section 1. Adopted. Section 2 stricken out.

Rev. Dr. Seiss, on behalf of committee on reconstruction of Art. IV., Sec. 6, presented its report. The section as presented was amended and adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. Merz.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Monday, Oct. 25th, 2 P. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. C. F. Spring.

The English minutes were read and approved. Rev. E. Carlson reported a resolution from committee on Swedish Paper for Foreign Missions. Amended and adopted, see p. 19.

Revs. A. Spaeth, D. D., B. M. Schmucker, D. D., H. Grahn, F. Wischan, C. W. Schaeffer, D. D., and C. J. Petri, Mr. J. C. File and W. H. Staake, Esq., were elected the Executive committee on Foreign Mission.s

Rev. Dr. Seiss from the committee on reorganization of Home Mission work asked that as a basis for the work of the committee, the sense of the Council be taken on certain points.

After a general discussion, the committee was instructed to prepare action on the subject, and report at as early a time as possible.

Rev. J. B. Rath presented

Report of the Committee on the Minutes of last year's Convention.

Your committee on the minutes of last year's meeting of this body, respectfully report the following items of unfinished business, which seem to call for attention at this meeting.

1. A committee, consisting of Drs. Fritschel, Spaeth and Schmucker, was appointed and directed "to formulate, for insertion into the new constitution for congregations, a suggestion made by Dr. Fritschel concerning instruction by the pastor, additional to that provided in the constitution, as far as adopted," (page 10).

Has this been done ?

2. The Committee on Constitutions of District Synods was instructed to finish and publish their work before this year's convention. (p. 28, item 4 ; p. 55, 1st Res.)

3. The Committee on Relief Associations was continued. (p. 28, item 5).

4. The Directors of the Chicago Theological Seminary made no report. (p. 29, item 8).

5. The consideration of the time when the day of fasting and prayer should be observed. (p. 29, Res. 2).

6. What steps, if any, have been taken by the Church Book Committee in the matter of co-operating with the General Synod South in the preparation of a "Service Book?" (p. 30, Res. 3 ; p. 34, Res. 1, 2; p. 35, Res. 4).

7. A paper to be prepared by Dr. Schmucker, on the Relation of Confirmation to Adult Baptism. (p. 31, Res.)

8. The Committee on Church Books is authorized to submit, for the consideration of the Council, changes in the Church Books. (p. 34, 3d Res.)

9. Recommendation to the Pittsburgh Synod to review its action in the case of Mr. Born. (p. 36).

10. The Vice Presidents of this body were constituted a committee "to examine whether any better plan, for the conduct of the Home Mission work, than that now in operation be proposed." (p. 56, 7th Res.)

11. This committee was directed to hold a meeting here in Greensburg, on the evening preceding the opening of this convention. (p. 56, 9th Res.)

12. The President (Dr. Krauth) and Dr. Spaeth were appointed a committee to arrange for a proper celebration, at this meeting of the

Council, of the ter-centenary anniversary of the publication of the Book of Concord. (p. 56, 10th Res.)

13. Have a constitutional number of Synods adopted the amendment to Art. I., Sec. 2? (p. 54).

Item 1. Committee not ready to report.

Item 2. Answered in the letter of the late President, the chairman of the committee.

Item 3. No report. Committee continued.

Item 4. No report.

Item 5. Deferred until next year.

Item 6. Rev. Dr. Schmucker reported:

The action of the Council was communicated to the General Synod of North America and favorably received by that body. Its Committee was instructed to co-operate with the committee in the Church Book to the end proposed. No further communication has as yet been received.

Item 7. Rev. Dr. Schmucker reported that as the forms for Ministerial Acts on Confirmation and Adult Baptism were not ready for submission, the instructions of the Council had not yet been fulfilled.

Item 8. Deferred until report of committee on Church Books.

Item 9. President of Pittsburgh Synod reported that the recommendation of the council had been adopted.

Item 10 and 11. See Session Five.

Item 12. The President reported that the committee, arranged for Jubilee services in German in the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. E. Smith pastor, on Sunday afternoon, when Rev. Prof. S. Fritschel, D. D., had preached, and for a second service in English, on Monday evening, in Zion's Church, when Rev. Prof. S. L. Harkey would preach.

Item 13. Referred to committee on Minutes of District Synods, who afterwards reported:

The answer to the inquiries under this Section is given in the report of the committee on Minutes of District Synods as far as any information in the Minutes on this point has been found.

Report adopted as a whole.

Rev. W. J. Mann, D. D., was elected Archivarius in place of Rev. C. F. Schaeffer, D. D., deceased. The election of

Trustees was made the first order for the session to-morrow afternoon.

Rev. G. W. Mechling presented

Report of Committee on the Immigrant Mission and Emigrant House Association.

The documents placed in the hands of your committee are the report of the Immigrant Missionary, of the Lutheran Emigrant House Association and of the Treasurer of said Association, and a letter from Mr. Neumann, addressed to the President of this body, in which he asks the payment of the balance on his salary as our former Immigrant Missionary.

From these reports, which embrace the year commencing April 1st, 1879, and ending April 1st, 1880, it is evident that the blessing of God has attended the efforts of our Missionary and of the Emigrant House Association. Thousands of Emigrants have, on their arrival in New York, been met by the representatives of the Church and conducted to a Christian asylum, where they found shelter and protection. Orphan children have been cared for, the sorrowing have been comforted, the destitute have been provided for, in body and soul, and furnished with employment in or near New York, whilst those who had means were sheltered and fed for a comparatively small consideration, and directed on their way to their future homes. During the year 4184 souls passed through the Emigrant House and received its protection and care, and "nearly 2000 free meals were distributed." The chapel, in which services have been held morning and evening and the Word of God has been preached on Sundays, has been beautifully painted, the library considerably increased and the debt upon the House materially reduced.

The report of the Treasurer shows that the receipts for the year, ending Oct. 1st, 1880, have been $893.96, and the disbursements $883.56; balance on hand $10.40.

In regard to the suggestions made by the Committee we respectfully recommend the following:

1. That the subject of making more systematic provision for the spiritual welfare of our scattered people in the west, by the appointment of a special Missionary President, be commended to the prayerful attention of the Committee on Home Missions.

2. That the pastors within the General Council be requested

a. To urge their congregations to increased contributions for this work.

b. To advise those members of their congregations, who intend to visit Europe or to send for their friends or relatives, to place their traveling arrangements in the hands of our Missionary.

3. That the Presidents of the District Synods be requested to call the attention of their several bodies to this action.

Finally, with reference to the claim of Mr. Neumann, we would direct the attention of the Immigrant Mission Committee to the resolution adopted by this body in 1877, as the same appears on the minutes, page 21.

G. W. MECHLING,
CH. F. SPRING,
J. J. KUENDIG,
GEO. H. MOLLER,
HENRY LEHMAN,
AUGUST LINDBLAD.

Pending the consideration of this report, the Council adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. A. Schaeffer.

EIGHTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 26th, 1880, 9 A. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. E. Belfour. The German minutes were read and approved.

The regular order, deferred from Monday morning, the "Theses on Pulpit and Altar Fellowship," was suspended, and the consideration of the "Constitution for Congregations" was resumed.

Art. IV., Sec. 6, and then Art. IV. Adopted as a whole.

Art. VII., considered by sections, amended and adopted.

Art. VIII., Section 1. Adopted. Pending consideration of Sec. 2, adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. Fritschel.

NINTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, Oct. 26th, 1880, 2 P. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. F. W. Weiskotten.

The Council proceeded to the order of business, the election of Trustees. Rev. E. Belfour, and Messrs. T. H. Diehl and W. A. Schmitthenner were appointed tellers.

The consideration of the constitution for congregations was then resumed.

Art VII., Sec. 2, Adopted. Article adopted as a whole.

Art. IX. Considered by sections, amended and adopted.

The clause concerning music reserved from Art. IV., Sec. 4, was stricken out.

Pending consideration of the Preamble, adjourned with prayer by Dr. Passavant.

TENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, Oct. 26th, 7 P. M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. K. Hancher.

The German minutes were read and approved.

Letters were received from the delegates of the Norwegian Augustana Synod giving their reason for non-attendance. They were excused, and it was resolved that the regret of the Counsel at their absence be communicated; that their names be entered on the roll, and that the letter of Rev. Andrewson be entered on the minutes:

CLINTON, Rock Co., Wis., October 19th, 1880.

To the General Council, convened at Greensburg, Pa:

DEAR BRETHEREN:—Grace and Peace! As will be seen from the minutes of our last Synod, myself and A. A. Klove were chosen delegates to your venerable body by our Synod. I regret to inform you that one of my parishioners—one who has been a member of our church here from the beginning—is lying at the point of death, and has desired me to remain with him till a change takes place. I have not the heart to leave him.

I am sorry that I shall lose this opportunity of being present with you, as it will in all probability be the last one for me. But circumstances dictate, and I am resigned.

If I could have met with you this time, I would have sought to impress upon your minds—privately at least—the necessity of maturing a plan for building the institution once contemplated here in the West (Chicago). The Norwegian Augustana Synod has looked upon the consummation of such a plan with the fondest hope for our future. We cannot think of building any institution of our own, which in any sense would meet our necessities and compete with the older, richer and more fully endowed Colleges around us. We thank God for what we have, and what we have been able to accomplish in the way of a school; but we need more. We have cherished the hope that when you would build an institution here in Chicago, we would

join a Norwegian or Scandinavian Professorship to scuh a school; and we have already gathered a fund for that purpose, and would otherwise work in harmony with you and throw in our mite according to our ability. We need men qualified for preaching both Norwegian and English. We are already losing ground, because we have none.

Dear Brethren, think of the great Northwest, densely populated with the Lutheran element! What a field for a future harvest!

Hoping and praying that God may watch over your deliberations, and direct your hearts and actions with wisdom from above, to the glory of his holy name and salvation of many precious souls.

With brotherly love, I remain your's in Christ,

O. ANDREWSON.

The preamble to the constitution for congregations was amended and adopted. The committee appointed last year to recommend such action, reported an additional clause for Art. IV., Sec. 4:

"He shall be diligent in the catechisation of the young on the Lord's Day."

Adopted. The constitution was then adopted as a whole, and was ordered to be printed in full in the minutes.

The President and German Recording Secretary were appointed a committee to make the German conform to the English text.

The committee on constitution for congregations was directed to prepare a form for the pastoral call, referred to in Art. IV., Sec. 9.

The consideration of the report of the committee on the

Immigrant Mission.

which was begun at the seventh session was completed, and the report adopted.

Committee on Immigrant Missions.

Revs. J. H. Baden. C. E. Lindberg, A. E. Frey, and H. Raegner, and Messrs. J. Moller, J. H. Barklage, C. Bellmer and W. Hanff were elected the committee for the ensuing year.

Dr. Schmucker presented the report of the committee on the

Case of Rev. P. Born.

The Committee would report that there is no ground of action by

the Council in the case of Rev. P. Born; that the Synod of Pittsburgh has taken action as desired by the Council, that such action is not yet complete, that the delay was unavoidable and that the paper sent cannot be considered by the Council.

THE COMMITTEE.

Received and adopted.

Rev. S. Laird reported that the family of the late Archivarius, Rev. Dr. C. F. Schaeffer had placed in his care the archives, which he would hand over to the present Archivarius.

Rev. Dr. Schmucker presented the report of the Committee on

Reorganization of Home Missions.

which was received, considered item by item, and adopted, as follows:

1. Home Missionary operations within the territory of the several Synods shall continue to be under the care and control of such Synods.

2. The District Synod of Ohio is requested to take charge of and maintain the missions within its bounds, now under the care of the Committee of the Council.

3. The Pittsburgh Synod and the Ministerium of Penna., are requested to provide jointly for the support of the Missions now established in Chicago.

4. That the Home Mission work in Nebraska and Texas be specially committed to the care and support of the Ministerium of Penna.

5. That the Home Mission work in Kansas and Minnesota be specially committed to the care and support of the Pittsburgh Synod.

6. That the Executive Committee on Home Missions may assign unoccupied territory to any other District Synod when able to do work beyond its own bounds.

7. That reports of all the missionary operations shall be sent to the Executive Committee of the Council, and that said Committee shall have regard to all demands for Home Missionary labor beyond the bounds cared for in this action and endeavor to make provision for the supply.

8. That the recommendation formerly made by the Council that the District Synods transmit to the H. M. Treasury of the Council one-fifth of the moneys contributed for Home Missions be withdrawn.

Executive Committee on Home Missions.

Rev. W. A. Passavant, D. D., E. Smith, J. K. Melhorn, E. Belfour and W. F. Ulery; and A. Lange, M. D., Messrs. T. H. Lane, D. M. Armor, W. W. Wattles, and James A. Shaeffer were elected.

Rev. Dr. Seiss presented the report of Committee on

Jubilee Medal.

Whereas, The Ministerium of Penna., on the motion of Drs. Krauth, Greenwald, Spaeth and others, has caused to be prepared a fitting and beautiful medal, commemorative of the Seventh Jubilee of the Augsburg Confession, and of the Third Centenary of the publication of the Book of Concord, a silver copy of which has been presented to this body, therefore

Resolved, That the same be commended to the attention of the members of the Churches and Sunday Schools connected with the General Council, and all Lutherans, as a suitable memento of the important events to which it refers.

Jos. A. Seiss,
E. Belfour,
W. H. Staake.

Received and adopted.

It was resolved, that in accordance with our previous action, one-half the traveling expenses of delegate from Texas Synod be paid.

Rev. Dr. Schmucker presented

Report of Committee on Church Books.

I. THE GERMAN CHURCH BOOK.

During the past year, of the large 18mo. edition of the German Church Book 1000 copies, and of the small 32mo. edition 3000 copies have been sold by Sherman & Co., in Philadelphia, the premiums from these sales due to the General Council amounting to $450, leaving still a balance due to Sherman & Co. of about $650.

Soon after the last meeting of the General Council the long expected "Choralbuch mit Liturgie und Chorgesängen," prepared by J. Endlich, Esq., at the request of your Committee, made its appearance from the publishing house of Ig. Kohler, Philadelphia. It has been most carefully prepared from the best sources of pure church music and deserves to be most heartily recommended to all the congregations using the Church Book. It is hardly possible to do full justice to the German Church Book, and to make its rich treasures fully understood and enjoyed by our churches without this book which furnishes the complete musical material for both the liturgy and the hymns of our Church Book, adding besides a number of the finest and purest anthems ("Chorgesänge") of the 18th century.

II. THE GERMAN SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK.

Of this book 1500 copies have been sold during the last year, the premium amounting to $75. The balance due to the publishers last year was $443.49, to this was added $10 paid to a member of the

committee for expenses in the preparation of the book, leaving a balance due to the publishers at the present date of $378.49.

The alterations authorized by this body in the choral part of the book in order to bring the Sunday School Book into full agreement with the Choral Book, are ready in manuscript but have not yet been made in the plates.

Mr. Endlich asks the permission of this Council to make some slight alterations in the harmonies of the other part of the Book (the "Lieder") in order to make it more useful and acceptable for singing in parts.

ENGLISH SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK.

There have been sold during the year, since the last meeting of the Council, 1501 copies on which the premium is $45.03. Of the Sunday School Book without music there have been sold 3236 copies, the premium on which is $58.26. The amount of premium in the hands of the publisher is $136.93. There is still due on the costs of preparation of the S. S. Book $36.99. We propose that an order be drawn by the Secretary for this amount, that the debt be paid, and that the remainder be applied to the payment of the balance due on the edition without music. The amount at present stands thus:

Balance due Sept. 30, 1879	$121 39
Interest on same	7 28
Due Sept. 30, 1880	$128 11
Premiums on hand	99 94
Balance now due	$28 17

ENGLISH CATECHISMS.

Of the Catechism with Proof Passages there have been sold Oct. 1, 1879 to Sept. 30, 1880, 699 copies.

Balance due Oct. 1, 1879	$117 03
Interest on same	7 02
	$124 05
Premiums account	10 48
Balance due Oct. 1, 1880	$113 57

Received and considered item by item.

Resolved, That the District Synods, through the Vice Presidents, report at the next convention:

1. In how many congregations, the German Church Book has been introduced. 2. In how many congregations, the complete liturgy is used. 3. In how many congregations,

the Psalms are sung. 4. What objections have been made, and wishes expressed concerning the Church Book.

Resolved, That the request of Mr. Endlich referred to in the above report, be granted with the understanding that his changes be submitted to the committee on Church Books.

Trustees.

The tellers report the result of election as follows:

For three years: Revs. A. Spaeth, D. D., C. P. Krauth, D. D., S. Laird.

For two years: Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D., L. L. Houpt, G. H. Möller.

For one year: Rev. E. F. Moldehnke, Ph. D., Hon. G. W. Overmyer, W. H. Staake, Esq.

The English Recording Secretary was instructed to inform the absent trustees of their election, and the President of the Council was directed to act as chairman of the Trustees in calling a meeting.

Rev. E. Carlson presented the report of the committee on

Minutes of District Synods.

From the documents placed in the hands of your committee, the following items of general interest are respectfully submitted.

I. THE MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Your committee has examined the minutes of this venerable body and find them full of interest. The large number of Missions under its charge is a notable feature in its work, and these are fostered with great care. The parochial reports show marked activity and gain in the congregations. Much energy and large sums of money are also devoted to the interest of collegiate and theological education. A special effort is now in progress to increase the endowment of Muhlenberg College. Ample provision is also made for the care of orphans and the helpless aged in the institution in Germantown.

In regard to the matters submitted to the District Synods by the General Council at its last session, we find the Ministerium has taken action in direction of the advice of the Council in regard to the work among the immigrants, and in regard to secret societies. But the recommendation to pay the expenses of delegates to General Council was not favorably entertained. The subject of the reorganization of the plan of Home Mission operations of this Council was considered, and the result has already been submitted at our present session.

II. THE MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK.

held its 86th annual meeting in Canajoharie, N. Y., in June last. It numbers 67 congregations, 70 pastors, 22,683 communicants, 37 parochial schools with 61 teachers and 2662 pupils; 72 Sunday-schools with 1223 teachers and 13,205 scholars. $493.75 were expended in support of 8 congregations, and $825 in aid of 8 beneficiary students.

Theses on the question, "What position should the *German* Ev. Luth. Church take in reference to the upbuilding and development of the *English* Ev. Luth. Church," were referred to the conferences for consideration. Some time was devoted to the revision of the Synodical constitution.

The action of this Synod in regard to reorganization of the Home Missions of the General Council has already been reported to this body.

III. THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

This body appears to be in a prosperous condition. It contains 71 pastors, 68 charges and 141 congregations. It cultivates a large mission field within its own bounds, and shows commendable zeal in aiding this Council in carrying on its general missionary operations. In addition to the one-fifth of Home Mission funds, it this year contributes $1000 for work in the far West under the auspices of the Council. The educational interests of the Synod have received a new impulse in the effort to enlarge the facilities and sphere of Thiel College. The congregations of this Synod meet, and even exceed their apportionments in a very gratifying manner.

IV. DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

This Synod, though disturbed by various troubles and agitations, has steadily and earnestly prosecuted its laborious task. Every effort has been put forth to care for the existing congregations and to extend their field of operations. The minutes report 32 pastors, 63 congregations and 5,935 communicants. We find nothing in these minutes requiring action on the part of this Council.

V. THE SYNOD OF MICHIGAN

held its 21st annual convention in Salem Church, near Ann Arbor, Mich., Oct. 10–13, 1880. The Synod numbers 28 pastors and 45 congregations, 8 of which were supplied by three missionaries. The number of communicants is 4432. Five congregations employ parochial school teachers; in all other cases the pastors themselves are the teachers of such Church-schools. Attention is directed to an error in the Minutes of the last convention of the General Council, by which the number of the settled teachers was given as the number of parochial schools in the Synod. The Synod contributed the sum of $2113.85 for Home and Foreign Missions, and for benevolent objects.

Two new churches and two new school houses were erected and dedicated during the year.

The following resolutions were passed :

1. To move at the Convention of the General Council at Greensburg, Pa., *the publication of a German Church Paper as the organ of the Council.*

2. That the Synod employ a traveling Missionary in addition to the settled pastors in the mission districts.

The Rev. J. Haas was elected as such traveling Missionary, and he has accepted the position. The next convention will be held in Bay City, Mich., Oct. 1st, 1881.

VI. SWEDISH AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

This Synod held its last convention in the Swedish Luth. Church, Des Moines, Iowa, June 17th, 1880. According to the minutes of this convention the Synod numbers 141 ministers, 311 congregations and 214 church edifices. The whole membership is 71,904 and the communicants 39,979.

The two institutions of learning belonging to this Synod are in a prosperous condition. Augustana College and Seminary at Rock Island, Ill., was attended by 136, and Gustaf Adolf College, St. Peter, Minn., by 70 students during the last school year. At the former institution the Synod has supported 59 beneficiaries and at the latter 6, at an expense of $5,750. At Rock Island one new professor's house has been erected at the cost of $3000, and another for the president and vice president of the institution, is under progress of erection, for which Synod has appropriated $5000.

At the late meeting of Synod, it was concluded to establish at the College in Rock Island a scientific course extending through all the classes of College, by the side of the classical course and calculated to give young men a thorough business education. It was also resolved to open a department at the institution in St. Peter, for the education of school teachers.

The Synod has in its conferences four Orphans' Homes, located in Andover, Illinois, Vasa, Minnesota, Maridahl, Kansas, and Stanton, Iowa, and by means of these institutions of charity is able to take care not only of all its destitute orphan children, but also of many from abroad.

The work of Home Missions has been presented by the Synod's Mission committee and by the Mission committees of the five conferences. But on account of the increased emigration from Sweden, that already during this present year has brought over 30,000 Swedes to our shores, both men and means have proved very inadequate to meet the great spiritual wants of these new comers, and the Synod works and prays most earnestly in the hope that God will provide means and send forth men for the great harvest.

It has been a source of great regret that on account of the war troubles among the Indians, and of the sickness of the Missionary, the Mission among the Indians has been suspended for the present. But this work has met with so much sympathy and been a subject of so much prayer, that the Synod will not give it up, but is only waiting for better opportunities.

VII. THE CANADA SYNOD.

This Synod has been in existence for 20 years and numbers 20 pastors, and 53 congregations. At its last convention the Synod approved of the change of Art. I. Sec. 2, of the Constitution of the General Council. It also expressed its great joy at the decided position now taken by the General Council in relation to secret societies. Eleven Missions were aided to the extent of $870. A resolution was passed directing the attention of the General Council to the province of Manitoba, with the request that a Missionary be sent to Winnepeg. Synod reaffirms its determination to establish a Theological Seminary, and one thousand dollars have been subscribed for this object.

VIII. TEXAS SYNOD.

This Synod numbers 30 pastors, with as many congregations and 4,500 communicants. Nearly all the congregations have parochial schools, which with few exceptions are taught by the pastors themselves. On account of pecuniary benefit to the parents many of these schools are connected with the so-called "State schools" The proposition to establish a college has been given up, and the attention of Synod is most earnestly directed to the Home Mission work. At the last convention the officers were authorized to call as soon as possible at least one traveling Missionary. But feeling its weakness in the great work, Synod instructed its delegate to this convention of the Council to appeal for aid. No additional laborers for its immense mission field were secured this year, and the desire is expressed that these may come from our Lutheran institutions of our own land. Next meeting of Synod will be held at Galveston, Texas, third Sunday after Easter, 1881.

IX. INDIANA SYNOD.

This Synod numbers 14 ministers, 32 congregations, 6 missions and 2425 communicants. The Synod is young and full of vigor. The Home Mission work in its own territory is attended to by the missionary president and some of the pastors. This Synod has also sent one of its pastors as a missionary to Kansas. At the last meeting of Synod the discussion of theses on education was continued.

X. HOLSTON SYNOD.

The last meeting of this Synod was held Sept. 9th–13th, 1880, and the minutes have not yet been printed. But the following information concerning this Synod has been handed to the committee :

The Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod was organized in January, 1860, and was at that time composed of 8 ministers, and 16 congregations, with a membership of 1400. Since that date, the Synod has ordained 8 ministers, received 5 from other Synods, deposed 2, lost 5 by death, and transferred 3 to the English Conference of Missouri Synod. The Synod now numbers 13 ministers and about 2800 members. Since 1860, 11 congregations have been organized, within the bounds of this Synod. It has at present 3 missions, Bristol, Morristown and Wartburg, and might have 12 more if men and means were at command.

Mosheim College, at Mosheim, Green Co., Tenn., is in a very embarrassed situation. It has sent out 4 efficient workers within the last 7 years, but it is struggling under a debt of $1,100, which the Synod has not been able to remove. This institution should not pass out of the hands of the Synod, which it must soon do, if this debt is not promptly paid, as the mortgage has already expired and is only held by Synod through the leniency of the persons to whom the money is owing.

There have been no minutes or information communicated, from those Synods which have the right of debate.

Respectfully,

ERL. CARLSON,
EDM. BELFOUR,
F. W. WEISKOTTEN,
MICHAEL KEFFER, SR.

Amendment to Constitution.

The roll of the Synods was called, and it was found that a constitutional number had adopted the amendment, striking out the word "*annually*" from the first line of Art. I., Sec. 2.

German Church Paper.

In reply to the request of the Synod of Michigan, *Resolved*, That the General Council is not prepared at this meeting to take steps for the establishment of a German Church Paper to be the organ of the Council.

Delegations to Next Convention.

Resolved, That the following resolutions of last year, p. 56, be repeated, viz.:

Resolved, That the attention of the District Synods be called to the fact that it is desirable that they take measures to secure the attendance of a full delegation, and that to this

end we recommend to the District Synods the importance of making provision for the traveling expenses of its representatives.

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this Convention, that, in view of the amount of business pending, the delegates to the next Convention should make their arrangements to spend a full week in session.

Minutes.

1000 copies of the minutes in English, and in German; and 1000 extra copies of the Constitution for Congregations in each language were ordered.

The Secretaries were instructed to have printed in the minutes the names of institutions and papers in official relation with the Council.

Thanks.

Resolved, That Rev. W. F. Ulery, pastor of Zions Lutheran church, and Rev. Enoch Smith, pastor of 1st Lutheran church of Greensburg, Pa., be requested to tender the sincere thanks of the members and visitors of the General Council to the members of their respective congregations and other friends for the generous hospitality enjoyed by their kindness during the annual session of the General Council.

Resolved, That the English Secretary be instructed to tender the thanks of the General Council to Rail Road Companies for favors received.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be tendered the choir and its leader, of Zion's Ev. Luth. Church for their services during our sessions.

Resolved, That Mr. L. L. Houpt receive the thanks of the Council for his agency in the arrangements with the Rail Road Companies.

Time and Place of Next Meeting.

The third Thursday in October, 1881, (Oct. 20th,) was fixed as the time. The determination of the place was referred to a committee consisting of the President and the Recording Secretaries.

Adjournment.

The English Minutes were read and approved, and the Council then adjourned after singing from Hymn 274, and uniting in the Litany, selections from the Litany collects and the Lord's Prayer.

HENRY E. JACOBS,
English Recording Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

Report of Committee on Sunday School Instruction Books.

The Sunday School has become one of the main agencies by which religious instruction is imparted to the children of the church, by the church. Parochial schools ought to be connected with all our congregations, and they are kept up in many. They afford better facilities than the Sunday Schools, because the children receive religious instruction in them every day, and they are not only gathered together an hour or two per week, for that purpose. Still, the Sunday school exists even in congregations where parochial schools are sustained. It has become, therefore, a permanent institution in the church.

All our Sunday Schools ought to be distinctively Church schools. Our own doctrines ought to be exclusively taught in them. No other than our own Sunday School Books, Lesson Leaves, and papers, should be used in them. They should not be union schools in any sense.

The preparation of suitable books for our Sunday School libraries, demands earnest attention. Many of the books that get into our libraries are positively injurious in their tendency. They are very attractive in form and style, and children read them with avidity. But they are unsound in theology, and unwholesome in morals. They are positively deleterious. The greatest care should be observed to keep them out of our libraries. But however vigilant pastors and superintendents may be, they will often get in. A better literature ought to be supplied. The materials for it are abundant. It is well worth the time and attention of the General Council to take the necessary steps to provide such a literature for our Sunday Schools.

Much has been done, and well done, to provide text-books for our Sunday Schools. The Sunday School Book, both in English, and in German, is admirably adapted to its purpose. It is very generally introduced into our schools.

The Church Lesson Leaves, are selections from the Old Testament, edited and prepared by Rev. Dr. J. Fry, a member of the Committee, have met with great success, and have been very useful. The Sixth Series, on the Acts of the Apostles, and suited to the seasons of the Church Year, will begin with the 1st Sunday in Advent.

Three little volumes, entitled respectively, "Mein erstes Buch," "Mein zweites Buch," and "Mein drittes Buch," prepared by Prof. Dr. Spaeth and Rev. F. Wischan, are well adapted for our schools, as they fur-

nish graded lessons for the several classes, and are sound in doctrinal and practical matter.

A volume entitled "Biblical History, in the words of Holy Scripture, with engravings, maps, Questions and Notes, for Sunday and week-day schools," issued by the Pilger Buch-handlung, Reading, Pa., is a valuable contribution, as a text-book, for our Sunday Schools. It is sound, attractive, and well adapted to afford essential aid to our teachers in giving biblical instruction to their scholars.

A little book has been prepared by one of our Committee, and is in press, entitled: "Lessons for Primary Sunday School Class, and for Infant Schools." It is a series of lessons to come between the Child's Catechism, and the Lesson Leaf. It is also designed to render the children familiar with the various parts of Morning and Evening service as provided in the Church Book.

Other volumes, especially adapted for anniversaries and festivals of the Church, such as Reformation, Christmas, and other seasons of the Church Year, have been prepared by several of our pastors, and are in use in many of our schools.

The subject is worthy of the earnest attention of the highest ecclesiastical council of the Church. The man is hid in the child. As the lambs are reared, so the flock will be. Our children will constitute our future congregations. They merit all the care that can be extended to them.

THE COMMITTEE.

APPENDIX B.

CONSTITUTION,

Recommended for Adoption by Evang. Lutheran Congregations.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST.

We, members of the Church of Christ, forming a Congregation under the style and title [name of Congregation], [name of locality], unite in the establishment of the CONSTITUTION hereinafter following, as a statement of common rights, and a covenant of mutual duties as Christians, IN ORDER *to sustain* by the labor and gifts of love the pure Word and Sacraments as God's only appointed means for saving the lost and for edifying His people; and to *maintain* a discipline which shall aid in securing purity of doctrine, righteousness of life, and the peace and growth of the Church.

ARTICLE I.—1. This congregation receives and adheres to the canonical books of the Old and New Testament, as the revealed Word of God and the only rule of faith and life, and to the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, especially the unaltered Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Catechism, as a correct and faithful exposition of the Divine Word, to which rule and confessions all instructions in the Church, the schools and family shall be conformed, and by which all questions of doctrine shall be decided; and with which all books of worship and instruction in the congregation shall accord.

2. It shall be in union with a Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, whose doctrinal basis is in accordance with Art. I, 1, and IV, 3, of this Constitution.

ARTICLE II.—1. This Congregation shall consist of the Pastor or Pastors, and other members of the Church of Christ, who have been baptized and admitted to the Lord's Supper, and who unite themselves as one communion under this Constitution, by accepting the same and conforming to the duties it enjoins; and also such baptized members of their households as have not yet reached the years of separate

responsibility, and are subject by God's ordinance to their control, as parents or guardians.

2. All these members, so far as their years and spiritual fitness allow, have a *right* to the means of Grace provided for in the Congregation, and to the faithful observance towards them of the duties which pastors, officers and other members of the Church owe one to another.

3. It is the duty of all members of the Congregation to be steadfast in the baptismal covenant, and if they be parents or guardians, early to bring the children under their care within the same, presenting them for Holy Baptism, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, to urge their attendance upon the catechetical instruction of the pastor, and their preparation for the rite of Confirmation and the Lord's Supper. As they grow in years they are to grow in the knowledge and grace of God, diligently to study Holy Scripture, and use devout books which accord with it, to seek the light and aid of the Holy Spirit and all other needful gifts, by fervent prayer to examine themselves to receive the Lord's Supper faithfully, and if possible, whenever it is celebrated, and regularly to use the ordinances of public, family and private devotion. They should be temperate in all things, should avoid all associations of an infidel or dubious kind, or which claim for themselves what God has given to His Church alone, should love and aid each other, and especially the needy and distressed, in every relation ; and while they have regard to the household of faith even in things secular, should care for the souls and bodies of men everywhere. They should avoid all false teachers, and love, reverence, pray for, and heartily sustain faithful ministers ; and should in all things be conformed to the mind and example of our most blessed Master and Saviour.

ARTICLE III.—1. Every male member of the Congregation, not under Church censure, twenty-one years of age, who, as he conscientiously judges God hath prospered him, regularly contributes in accordance with its plans of local support, and general beneficence, shall be entitled to take active part in all its *meetings,* and to *vote* at all its elections.

The voters of the Congregation, inasmuch as they act as the representatives of common rights, should duly weigh the wants, convictions and wishes of all members of the Congregation.

2. Congregational Meetings shall be held regularly, as the Congregation may determine, and Special Meetings shall be called by the Church Council at the request of the Pastor, or of a majority of the Council, or of one-third of the voters, submitted in writing, with a statement of the object and with their signatures, to the Pastor, or during a vacancy, to the Council. They shall be duly announced, with a statement of their object, and shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.

3. At Congregational Meetings any questions connected with the welfare of the Congregation may be discussed, information called for from the Pastor, Council, or others; and business attended to, as ordered in the Constitution and By-Laws.

4. The Congregation has power to appoint *Special Committees* with definite or general instructions, to permit the organization of approved societies within itself, subject to its control, to elect or authorize the Council to elect delegates to Synod from the number of legal voters; and to attend to all business for which it has not made other provision in the Constitution.

ARTICLE IV.—1. The permanent and ordinary offices of the Congregation shall be the Pastorate and the Diaconate.

2. The *Chief Officers* of the Christian Congregation are named in the New Testament: Pastors or Shepherds, Bishops, Presbyters, or Elders, and as they that have the rule in the Lord, all which names designate one and the same class of officers, whose dignity, rights and general duties are under Divine appointment the same, and are inalienable and unchangeable.

3. Every pastor of this Congregation must, at his ordination or installation, be obligated to the Confession of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, namely: the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, the Augsburg Confession, the Apology, the Smalcald Articles, the Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, and solemnly promise to perform the duties of his office in conformity with the same, as a pure and correct presentation of the doctrine of Holy Scripture. He shall be or become a member of the Synod with which the Congregation is united. He shall sign the Constitution of this Congregation, and faithfully carry out the duties it assigns him.

4. It shall be the duty of the Pastor, as the *Teacher* and *Spiritual* guide of the flock, prayerfully to study, and to hold and teach the pure truth of God's Word, and to set, in public and private, an example of unfeigned holiness, sound judgment and propriety.

He shall conduct the public service of God's House on the Sundays and other festival days of the Church; shall permit no one to occupy the pulpit of whose soundness in the faith confessed by the Lutheran Church, there is reason to doubt; shall carefully give instruction to the young, and all others needing it, in the Catechism; shall be diligent in the catechisation of the young on the Lord's Day; shall watch over the Sunday School, and other schools of the Church; shall confirm those, who having been duly instructed, give satisfactory evidence that they are earnestly desirous of being faithful followers of Christ. He shall baptize publicly, except in special cases, and all private baptisms shall be publicly announced. He shall administer the Lord's Supper to all those of whose desire to come to it he has been notified, unless he be satisfied of their unfitness, either as to faith or

life, as also, if he shall judge best, to members unable from age or sickness, to come to the House of God. He shall be active in the work of a Pastor, most of all among the poor, the sick, the sorrowing, and all those whose spiritual estate demands his care. He shall perform the marriage ceremony in strict accordance with the laws of the State and of God ; shall earnestly urge and carry out the discipline ; shall promote all wise plans of Christian beneficence and effort ; and shall labor to prevent all deadness and fanaticism, all schism, heresy, separation and alienation in the Congregation.

5. It shall be the duty of the Pastor to preside at all meetings of the Council and the Congregation, unless he be absent, or is temporarily unwilling for special reasons to preside, in either of which cases the Council or Congregation shall call one of their number to preside at said meeting.

All public statements of excommunication and restoration shall be made by him, and no excommunication or restoration shall be pronounced which he conscientiously believes to be contrary to the Word of God and the discipline of this Church. No official act of the Council or Congregation shall take effect without his knowledge, and his having an opportunity of being heard ; and in the involuntary, or necessary absence of the Pastor, no business in the Congregation or Council shall be finally disposed of, of such a character that the Pastor as the chief officer of the Congregation has a right to be heard in it.

6. Charges against a Pastor, whether of heresy, immorality, or other causes of unfitness for his office, shall not be entertained except when attested by two or three competent witnesses. Any member of the Congregation having charges against the Pastor shall first proceed according to Matt. 18 : 15, 16. If the matter cannot thus be settled it shall be laid before the Church Council in writing ; and if the Council shall deem the charge or charges of sufficient importance, it shall select a suitable member from its own number to preside, and proceed to an investigation, furnishing the Pastor accused with a copy of the charges made, and allowing him a hearing, at which the witnesses for and against the charges shall be heard ; and if the charge or charges prove to be well founded, and the Council so decide, it shall report the case to the President of the Synod to which the Congregation belongs, to be disposed of in accordance with the Synodical Constitution.

An appeal from the action of the Church Council may be taken to the Conference or Synod, in the manner prescribed in the Synodical Constitution.

7. The pastor shall keep a *record* of his ministerial acts in the Congregation, in a book to be by it provided, and remain its property. He shall make a full record of the Baptisms, infant and adult, of Confirmations, of the times of Communion, and the number of Communi-

cants, with a complete list of the same, of persons received from other Congregations, and of persons honorably dismissed, of persons excommunicated and of the time of their restoration, and of marriages, burials, and other items which he shall deem of importance, in the history of the Congregation. All these shall be so recorded that, if necessary, they be available as legal evidence.

8. When there is a *vacancy* in the Pastorate, the Council shall inform the President of Synod, or of the Conference, as the Synodical Constitution may determine, and solicit his advice; shall see to the supply of the pulpit; and shall nominate, after prayerful consideration, a candidate who is eligible according Art. IV, 3, and who has the necessary gifts, bodily and spiritual, purity of Christian character, sound judgment, and personal activity. One candidate only shall be nominated at one time, to be voted for or against by ballot, by the electors specified in Art. III, 1, and the election and its returns shall be under the care of Judges, appointed as the Congregation shall determine.

9. When a Pastor has been elected by a majority of the legal voters, a written *call,* in the name of the congregation, shall be sent him by the officers of the Congregation, in which the support guaranteed him shall be specified.

Article V.—1. The *Deacons* are primarily the executive aids of the Pastors in the work of Christ for and in the Congregation, and may have assigned them any duties, in keeping with this object, and with the divine and unchangeable duties and rights of the people and of the Pastors. They must be regular communicants, of good and established repute for personal character, wisdom and energy. They shall be installed, with the laying on of the Pastor's hands. They may elect from their number a Treasurer and Secretary, and, if needed, assistants to both.

2. Their *duties* are of such a nature as to leave the Pastor, as nearly as may be, unobstructed time and energy for the directly spiritual part of his official work, and also to aid him in that work by their counsels and coöperation. They shall attend to the collection and disbursing of moneys, given by the Congregation for the relief of the poor, and for the objects of Christian beneficence; shall see that the Pastor has a sufficient salary and that it be promptly paid; that the House of God be kept in repair, and in a condition fitting the Sanctuary of the Most High; that it be opened and prepared for public services at the times appointed, and that proper sextons and others of like functions be provided; that strangers or occasional attendants be courteously received; that it be not diverted to any uses alien to its character; that the proper vessels and elements be provided for the Sacraments; that the graveyard and all other property be secured to the Congregation in conformity with the law, and be placed under the

proper regulations; and that in common with all the members, yet preëminently they, be ready to take part, especially at the call of the Pastor, in the visitation and care of the sick, the needy, the bereaved, and the distressed, and in the maintenance of pure discipline and a holy life in the Congregation, most of all by being themselves ensamples of all good works.

ARTICLE VI.—The *Council* of the Church consists of the Pastor or Pastors and the Deacons, as the constitutional executive officers of the Congregation. Trustees required by law shall be chosen by the Congregation, and to this office members of the Council are eligible.

ARTICLE VII.—1. Inasmuch as the care of the *young* is one of the most important duties of the Cangregation, the religious education of the children of the Church shall be provided for, not only at home, but in good Christian schools, and church members should avoid all schools under Roman Catholic, heretical or infidel influence, or which are of a negative character, and should unite in the establishment of Parochial Schools, wherever possible.

2. *Parochial and Sunday Schools* shall be under the control of the congregation, and their constitution and acts are to be subject to its discipline and direction.

ARTICLE VIII.—1. The Congregation is not only to acknowledge the obligations of the Word of God as a guide of life, and a corrector of evil, but is faithfully to use it, in discipline for these ends. The discipline of the Church must be purely moral and spiritual, and in no case can pass beyond the withholding of her recognition, fellowship and communion from offenders.

2. Violations of the Divine commands shall be followed, according to Matt. 18 : 15–17, by instruction, warnings and exhortation by a member to whom the wrong is known, or by the Pastor, first privately, then before witnesses. This failing in its proper effect, the case shall be laid before the Church, as represented in the Church Council, or in the congregational meeting, and if the offender persistently refuses to hear the Church, he shall be excluded from the congregation, till there be credible evidence of true penitence and reformation. The charges against a member shall be given to him in writing; he is entitled to be present through the whole actual procedure againt him, and has the right of being heard and producing testimony in his own defence. The exclusion and restoration shall be publicly announced. Questions of appeal from the decision in the discipline of the congregation shall be referred to the Conference or Synod, in accordance with the Constitution of the Synod, with which the congregation is connected.

ARTICLE IX.—1. By-Laws not in conflict with the letter or spirit of this Constitution, the Constitution of the United States, or of the Commonwealth of ————————, may be made by each Congregation, to provide an order of business, to fix the time and place for

announcing and holding Congregational Meetings and Elections, and the way of conducting both ; to determine the proportion which shall constitute a quorum ; to fix the age at which men may be chosen as Deacons, and the length of the time of service, whether for life or for a limited term ; to establish and direct Parochial and Sunday Schools; to fix the details of procedure in the discipline of members ; to regulate the making and changing of the By-Laws themselves, and in general to conduct all things, whose general principle and methods are defined in the Constitution, but whose details are undetermined.

2. Amendments of this constitution not in conflict with its fundamental principles, as defined in Art. I, 1, and IV, 3, nor in conflict with Art. IX, 1, proposed by at least three legal voters at a regular congregational meeting, may be made by the congregation by a vote of two-thirds of its legal voters present ; said proposed amendment or amendments shall be submitted in writing, be duly read to the congregation at least three months before the time of the meeting at which they are acted on, and notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be given four successive Sundays, on which public service are held, immediately preceding such meeting.

STATISTICS OF THE DISTRICT SYNODS.

SYNODS.	Organized.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Time and Place of Next Convention.
1. Ministerium of Pennsylvania	1748	201	385	82,558	June 9th, 1881, Pottstown, Pa.
2. Ministerium of New York	1787	70	67	22,683	June 23d, 1881, Rondout, N. Y.
3. Pittsburgh Synod	1845	71	138	12,309	August —, 1881, ————, Pa.
4. District Synod of Ohio	1857	32	63	5,895	August 31st, 1881, Stoutsville, O.
5. Michigan Synod	1858	28	45	4,432	October 1st, 1881, Bay City, Mich.
6. Augustana Synod (Swedish)	1860	141	311	39,979	
7. Canada Synod	1861	24	53	6,343	June 8th, 1881, Toronto, Ontario.
8. Texas Synod	1851	30	30	4,550	May 8th, 1881, Galveston, Texas.
9. Indiana Synod	1871	14	32	2,425	June 1881, Nokomis, Ill.
10. Holston Synod	1861	13	27	2,800	
1. German Synod of Iowa	1854	139	235	20,500	
2. Norwegian Augustana Synod	1860	21	53	7,000	
		784	1,439	212,474	

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